



## Surgical Release For Subtotal Colectomy Procedure in Feline

Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Patient: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Referring Hospital: \_\_\_\_\_ Veterinarian: \_\_\_\_\_

Surgery to be performed: \_\_\_\_\_

I have discussed the aforementioned surgery and the importance of pre-surgical blood testing with the referring veterinarian. I understand that there are risks and hazards involved with the recommended surgical procedure, including anesthetic risk. I realized that no guaranty or warranty can ethically or professionally be made regarding the results or cure.

I authorize the surgeons and/or associates (Drs. Harper and Franklin) of Texas Specialty Veterinary Services, PLLC to perform surgery on my pet. I am also aware that Dr. Harper is board certified in large animal surgery only but have retrained in small animal surgery as well, therefore, offers their services to small animal clients and their animals. I have also been made aware that Dr. Franklin is small animal surgery residency trained, but has not become board certified at this time. At this time Dr. Franklin's title is Practice Limited to Surgery. I understand that there are other board-certified surgeons in small animal available in the area.

Your pet has been diagnosed with a chronic condition of the colon that requires a subtotal colectomy (removal of the colon). To relieve the constipation that is common with idiopathic megacolon, we must remove all of the diseased colon that is no longer functioning. The main job of the colon is absorption of fluid and storage of the stool. Remarkably, even though the small intestine will be connected to the small amount of remaining colon, your pet should have normal bowel function within a few months. The small intestine will undergo changes and take on the role of storage and fluid absorption over time. As with any surgery of the intestines, there are complications that can occur.

I consent to the following surgical procedure(s): Subtotal Colectomy  
Surgical Risks Include:

1. Infection (peritonitis) which may require additional testing and medication at an additional cost.
2. Incision leakage of intestinal contents necessitating further surgery.

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3. Short term diarrhea and frequent bowel movements that improve over time.
4. Some patients continue to have some straining during bowel movements for 7-10 days after surgery.
5. There is a possibility the condition could reoccur at some point in the future due to nature of the primary disease process affecting the gastrointestinal tract.

Strict adherence to post-surgical care and medicating of your pet will minimize these potential complications and serious problems are very uncommon in most cases. Your pet may need to be on a special low volume, high calorie diet for a period of time (10-14 days in most cases). Most patients need to remain on intravenous fluid support for 2-3 days after surgery.

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Please initial to allow TSVS to mention your pet \_\_\_\_\_

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Pet Owner/Agent Signature</b>	<b>Phone I Can Be Reached At Today</b>
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