



Surgical Release Form for Tibial Plateau Leveling Osteotomy or Cora-based Leveling Osteotomy for Cranial Cruciate Ligament Repair

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 torn anterior cruciate ligament that will benefit from a cora-based leveling osteotomy (CBLO) or tibial plateau leveling osteotomy (TPLO) procedure. Other techniques are available for treating this condition, however based on the size of your dog and the expected results of this procedure based on **strictly** following the recommended post-operative treatment protocol, your referring veterinarian and I believe the CBLO or TPLO procedure is most appropriate for your pet. To relieve the pain associated with the torn cruciate ligament and accompanying inflammation, the top portion of the tibia (lower leg bone) is osteotomized (cut) and rotated to a position that will produce less stress on the knee. Sometimes the medial and/or lateral meniscus (a shock absorber cartilage in the knee) is torn as well and must be removed or trimmed. When this cartilage is torn, arthritis develops more rapidly, even after removal. After surgery, your pet will need to go through periods of recovery to allow the bone to heal and rehabilitation to regain strength and flexibility in the affected leg. In most dogs, the recovery and rehab periods can be up to 4 to 6 months before full return to unrestricted activity. As with any surgery, there are complications that can occur.

I consent to the following surgical procedure(s): Cora-based Leveling Osteotomy (CBLO) or Tibial plateau leveling osteotomy (TPLO) of the **LEFT or RIGHT** (please circle the correct leg to be repaired) rear leg.

Surgical Risks Include:

1. Infection , which may require additional testing and medication at an additional cost.
2. Hemorrhage, especially from the popliteal artery.
3. Bruising and edema postoperatively.
4. Implant breakage or failure, requiring additional surgery at an additional cost.
5. Fractures of the tibia or fibula.

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 will need to be under exercise restrictions until healing of the osteotomy is shown on radiographs. Please do not return to full activity, bathe, allow to run or play or swim until released by Dr. Harper or your regular veterinarian.

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Please initial to allow TSVS to mention your pet _____

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