



Surgical Release Form for Total Ear Canal Ablation and Lateral Bulla Osteotomy 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 chronic ear infections that need surgical repair. You have elected to have a procedure called a total ear canal ablation (TECA) and bulla osteotomy. This surgery involves totally removing the horizontal and vertical ear canal, the ear drum, and the lining of the inner ear in order to relieve the chronic infections and discomfort your pet has been experiencing. Although the entire ear is being removed (not the ear flap), the nerves will still pick up some vibrations allowing very little residual hearing. After fully discussing the planned surgical procedure and associated risks with your doctor or the surgeon, please sign the consent for surgery below:

The undersigned owner or authorized agent of admitted patient _____ hereby authorizes the admitting veterinarian (and his/her designated associates or assistants) to administer such treatment as is necessary to perform the below-mentioned procedure. The nature of the procedure(s) has been explained to

me and no guarantee has been made as to results or cure. I understand that there may be risk involved in these procedures. I consent to the administration of such anesthetics or tranquilizers as are necessary.

Anesthetic Risks: (Although every effort is made to make anesthesia as safe as possible including vital sign monitoring and use of the most up to date anesthetic agents and equipment, understand that anesthesia has inherent risks). The incidence of complications from anesthesia is extremely low and we do not anticipate any in your pet but on rare occasions the following can occur:

1. Allergic reaction to the anesthetic agents
2. Heart rhythm abnormalities
3. Untoward reactions to the gas including drops in blood pressure or respiratory difficulties
4. Just like in humans, on very rare occasions, general anesthesia can result in death.

I consent to the following surgical procedure(s): TECA, Bulla Osteotomy

Surgical Risks Include:

1. Residual inner ear infection which may require additional testing and medication at an additional cost.
2. Facial nerve injury which can be temporary (50%) or permanent (5-10%)
3. A smaller percentage (3-15%) may develop draining tract(s) following the procedure due to inadequate removal ceruminous/ear canal tissue within the ear canal/bulla. This can develop months to years following the procedure. Due to the delicate nature of the bulla structure, there is a fine balance of debriding this area. Generally, if a fistulous tract develops, the origin is identified and the patient is returned to surgery to remove the remaining tissue. There is also a chance of re-injury to the facial nerve during this procedure as well.
4. Horner's syndrome, a nerve condition which affects the eye (rare)
5. Neck swelling which can put pressure on the windpipe necessitating a tracheotomy (more common if both ears are operated on at the same time)
6. Pain upon opening the mouth which usually resolves in two weeks
7. Vestibular syndrome which involves balance problems (more common if your pet has a head tilt before surgery)

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.

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Please initial to allow TSVS to mention your pet _____

Date

Pet Owner/Agent Signature

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