



**ANCHOR**  
VETERINARY SURGERY

## Surgical/Anesthetic Release Form

Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Patient: \_\_\_\_\_

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 guarantee or warranty can ethically or professionally be made regarding the results or cure.

I authorize the surgeons of Anchor Veterinary Surgery, PLLC (AVS), Dr. S. Anthony Kahn and Dr. Farrah Horowitz, to perform surgery on my pet. I understand that referral centers offering 24 hour care are available in this area.

Your pet has been diagnosed with a condition that requires surgical intervention. Surgery is a combination of both art and science and the surgeon will employ the technique he deems appropriate for your pet. Complications are possible with any surgery. They are rare and in most cases, there will be no problems after surgery. Unfortunately, in some cases, complications can arise, especially in our animal patients where bed rest and crutches are never an option. After fully discussing the planned surgical procedure and associated risks with your doctor, please sign the consent for surgery on the following page:

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 above-mentioned surgical 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.

While every effort is made to make anesthesia as safe as possible including vital sign monitoring and use of the most current anesthetic agents and multi-parameter monitoring equipment, I 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 they can occur.

**Anesthetic Risks include:**

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.

**General Surgical Risks Include:**

1. Infection, which may require additional testing and medication at an additional cost.
2. Blood clots (extremely rare) that can lodge in major organs causing stroke or rarely death before, during, or after anesthesia.
3. Delayed healing beyond the expected timeframe (every patient has a different ability to repair damaged tissue that is not under the control of the surgeon).
4. Complications from epidural pain control are extremely rare but include transient (temporary) urinary retention, allergic reaction, itching at the site of injection and transient rear leg weakness for 1-2 days.

**Orthopedic Surgical Risks Include:**

1. Non-union (although rare, a non-union is where the bone does not heal despite our best attempts and will require a second surgery with bone grafting at additional cost to repair)
2. Loose or broken implants (these may cause your pet discomfort and need to be removed/replaced at additional cost).
3. Nerve Injury (especially spine and sacral fractures) which can be temporary or permanent.

**Social Media:**

AVS occasionally features patients on its website, social media sites, and in publications (print or online). With your permission, we may share your pet's picture, video or story. We may mention your pet by name, but never the owner's name. AVS would be grateful that you'll be helping other pets by educating pet owners, veterinary technicians and veterinarians.

Please initial if you DO NOT want AVS to mention your pet \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Pet Owner/Agent Signature**

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**Phone # I Can Be Reached At Today**