



Lone Star Veterinary Surgical Services

Surgical Solutions for Your Loved Pets

Surgical Release Form for Extracapsular Cruciate Repair

Owner: _____ Patient: _____ Date: _____

Referring Hospital: _____ Veterinarian: _____

Surgery to be performed: _____

I authorize Lone Star Veterinary Surgical Services (LSVSS) to perform surgery on my pet. 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.

Your pet has been diagnosed with a ruptured ligament that needs surgical repair. Your pet will be undergoing a lateral suture stabilization procedure today for a torn cranial cruciate ligament. If SLVSS finds that your pet has a damaged meniscus a partial menistectomy will also be performed. The goal of any orthopedic surgery is fast return to function of the injured joint. In most cases, there will be no complications and your pet's joint will heal fully in 8-12 weeks.

Surgical Risks and Most Common Complications (1-3% of cases):

1. Infection (less than 2%) which may require additional testing and medication at an additional cost.
2. Pet chewing sutures out- please make sure your pet wears his/her E-collar at all times for the first 2-3 weeks
3. Lateral suture rupture (especially if your pet is overactive). See note below
4. Arthritis of the affected joint can continue to worsen over time. Talk to your family veterinarian about medication to help alleviate arthritis pain
5. Lateral suture reaction can occur weeks to months after surgery, this requires suture removal which will be performed by LSVSS if indicated at no charge

Strict adherence to post-surgical care and medicating of your pet will minimize these potential complications and serious problems that require additional surgery are very uncommon.

Date

Pet Owner/Agent Signature

Phone I Can Be Reached Today