



# Lone Star Veterinary Surgical Services

## Surgical Solutions for Your Loved Pets

### Surgical Release Form for Gall Bladder Surgery

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.

Gall bladder disease is a common problem in dogs. Most of the time, the gall bladder is filled with sludge or stones that block the flow of bile necessary for the proper digestion of our food. In most cases, simply removing the gall bladder is all that is needed to resolve the problem. Before we can remove the gall bladder, a small incision must be made in the small bowel to find the bile duct opening and check for patency with a small catheter. Occasionally, the problem can be more severe and involve a ruptured bile duct with leakage of bile, tumors obstructing the duct, or infection that leaks into the liver tissue causing jaundice (yellow skin staining). Sometimes we need to reroute the bile flow from the gall bladder directly into the small intestine bypassing the obstruction. These patients with liver dysfunction are at slightly greater risk to undergo anesthesia but without surgery the condition can become fatal.

Procedure: Gall Bladder Removal, Culture and Sensitivity, Biopsy and Bile Duct Patency Exam, Possible Biliary Diversion

Surgical Risks: Although rare, complications from liver and gall bladder surgery can include:

1. Hemorrhage from liver if severe adhesions due to chronic gall bladder disease, tumors, stones, or mucoceles
2. Bile leakage with resulting peritonitis resulting in possible death
3. Infection
4. Pancreatitis
5. Obstruction of common bile duct

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Date

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Pet Owner/Agent Signature

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Phone I Can Be Reached at Today