



# Lone Star Veterinary Surgical Services

**Surgical Solutions for Your Loved Pets**

## Surgical Release Form for Nephrectomy

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 kidney disease that requires removal of the damaged kidney. There are many different diseases that can affect the kidney including infection (abscess), genetic conditions like polycystic disease, hydronephrosis where a ureteral blockage backs up urine into the kidney causing permanent damage from the pressure, avulsion or damage from trauma, kidney stones, and tumors (benign and malignant). Before removing a diseased kidney, it is important to run some tests (blood, urine, intravenous pyelogram, GFR measurements using nuclear scintigraphy exam or excretory urogram, ultrasound, etc.) to make sure that the remaining kidney is functioning sufficiently enough to maintain life. Dogs, like people, can live with one kidney with a normal life span. People donate kidneys all the time and the remaining kidney enlarges to compensate for the loss of the other kidney. If your pet has a malignant kidney tumor (most often determined from a biopsy specimen after surgery), it can spread undetected by the surgery to other organs and create medical problems in the future. Most of the time, removal of the kidney is curative.

Procedure: Nephrectomy

### Surgical Risks:

1. Bleeding during or after surgery that may result in need for transfusion (rare)
2. Infection that result in further testing and medication at additional cost
3. If kidney has a tumor that biopsy shows is malignant (cancer) it can spread to other organs in the future
4. If remaining kidney is not fully functional, loss of diseased kidney could result in kidney failure in the future.
5. If your pet has a kidney tumor that has invaded surrounding tissues, complete removal may not be possible and post-surgical chemotherapy may be needed.

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Date

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Pet Owner/Agent Signature

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Phone I Can Be Reached at Today