



# Lone Star Veterinary Surgical Services

Surgical Solutions for Your Loved Pets

## Surgical Release Form for Subtotal Colectomy

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 chronic condition of the colon that requires a subtotal colectomy (removal of a large section of colon). To relieve the constipation that is common with idiopathic megacolon, we must remove as much of the diseased colon that we safely can. The main job of the colon is absorption of fluid and storage of the stool. Remarkably, even though the small intestine will be connected to the small amount of remaining colon, your pet should have normal bowel function within a few months. The small intestine will undergo changes and take on the role of storage and fluid absorption over time. As with any surgery of the intestines, there are complications that can occur.

I consent to the following surgical procedure(s): Subtotal Colectomy Surgical Risks Include:

1. < 1% risk of Infection (peritonitis) from incisional leakage of intestinal contents which is a very serious condition that can be fatal.
2. Short term diarrhea and frequent bowel movements that improve over time. (very common)
3. Some patients continue to have some straining during bowel movements for 7-10 days after surgery.
4. There is a possibility the condition could reoccur at some point in the future due to nature of the primary disease process affecting the gastrointestinal tract.

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. Your pet may need to be on a special low volume, high calorie diet for a period of time (10-14 days in most cases). Most patients need to remain on intravenous fluid support for 2-3 days after surgery.

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Date

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Pet Owner/Agent Signature

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