



Lone Star Veterinary Surgical Services

Surgical Solutions for Your Loved Pets

Surgical Release Form for Luxating Superficial Digital Tendon 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 luxating superficial digital flexor tendon, whereby the tendon slides medially or laterally off the point of the tarsus. This injury occurs spontaneously during vigorous activity. This is a severe injury that if left unrepaired will result in a severe lameness. The longer the condition occurs and is unrepaired, the more likely for buildup of fibrous/scar tissue and possible failure. Medical management with casts, splints or bandages alone is usually unsatisfactory. After 2-3 weeks of confinement and inactivity of the limb by placing the limb in a bandage and splint, the patient may receive controlled activity. This disease process is overrepresented in collie and Sheltie breeds.

Procedure: Superficial digital flexor tendon luxation repair, bandage, splint Surgical Risks:

1. Some species, particularly Shelties, can break down in the opposite limb shortly after the first injury.
2. Failure of the tendon repair can occur if proper post-operative care is not followed by the owner.
3. Infection necessitating additional medication at additional costs. (3% incidence)
4. Bandage wounds or sores due to inappropriate restriction during bandage/cast placement period.

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.

Date

Pet Owner/Agent Signature

Phone I Can Be Reached at Today