



Lone Star Veterinary Surgical Services

Surgical Solutions for Your Loved Pets

Surgical Release Form for Unilateral Arytenoid Lateralization

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 laryngeal paralysis. The goal of surgery is not to completely eliminate all the noise that is present pre-operatively, but to allow your pet to breathe easier. Please be aware that although your pet should be improved after surgery, their breathing will never be completely normal. As many as 20% of patients with laryngeal paralysis have an underlying illness that may not be apparent at the time of surgery including neurologic disease, low thyroid function, myasthenia gravis, or simply a genetic predisposition to the disease as seen in older Labrador Retrievers. Any patient with a compromised airway should avoid stress whenever possible. Also, activity should be limited to moderate levels and on hot days they should be kept in a cool environment. Lastly, an ideal body weight should always be maintained.

Procedure: Unilateral Arytenoid lateralization

Surgical Risks: Complications are unfortunately fairly common in this procedure but they are minimized with an experienced surgeon. When you realize that most untreated patients die from this condition, the risk becomes acceptable. In a recent very large study, 20-30% of patients undergoing this surgery experienced some complications.

1. Bleeding, gagging, or coughing can occur immediately post-operatively which occasionally necessitates re-anesthetizing your pet and temporary intubation. We treat all these patients with short acting steroids to reduce any swelling but on rare occasions this can still occur. In very rare instances, patients may need a temporary tracheotomy for a few days until the swelling resolves.
2. Aspiration pneumonia is a serious complication of this surgery. As many as 20% of patients can develop pneumonia within the first six months of surgery. Aspiration pneumonia can be fatal.
3. Failure of the repair necessitating another surgery.

Date

Pet Owner/Agent Signature

Phone I Can Be Reached at Today