



Lone Star Veterinary Surgical Services

Surgical Solutions for Your Loved Pets

Surgical Release Form for Tibial Plateau Leveling Osteotomy for Cranial Cruciate Ligament 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 torn anterior cruciate ligament that will benefit from a tibial plateau leveling osteotomy (TPLO) procedure. Other techniques are available for treating this condition, however based on the size of your dog and the expected results of this procedure based on **strictly** following the recommended post-operative treatment protocol, your referring veterinarian and I believe the TPLO procedure is most appropriate for your pet. To relieve the pain associated with the torn cruciate ligament and accompanying inflammation, the top portion of the tibia (lower leg bone) is osteotomized (cut) and rotated to a position that will produce less stress on the knee. Sometimes the medial and/or lateral meniscus (a shock absorber cartilage in the knee) is torn as well and must be removed or trimmed. When this cartilage is torn, arthritis develops more rapidly, even after removal. In cases were the medial meniscus is not torn, LSVSS doctor will perform a meniscal release to prevent further tearing and hopefully avoid a future meniscal surgery. Your pet will need to go through periods of recovery to allow the bone to heal and rehabilitation to regain strength and flexibility in the affected leg. In most dogs, the recovery and rehab periods can be up to 4 to 6 months before full return to unrestricted activity. As with any surgery, there are complications that can occur.

I consent to the following surgical procedure(s): Tibial plateau leveling osteotomy and Meniscal release of the **LEFT or RIGHT** (please circle the correct leg to be repaired) rear leg.

Surgical Risks and Most Common Complication include:

1. Infection (less than 2%) which may require additional testing and medication and may require plate removal at an additional cost.
2. Bruising and edema postoperatively.
3. Pet chewing sutures out- please make sure your pet wears his/her E-collar at all times for the first 2-3 weeks
4. Progression of arthritis

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 will need to be under exercise restrictions until healing of the osteotomy is shown on radiographs. Please do not return to full activity, bathe, allow to run or play or swim until released by LSVSS doctor or your regular veterinarian.

Date

Pet Owner/Agent Signature

Phone I Can Be Reached Today