



## **Surgical Release Form for Liver Surgery (Lobectomy)**

Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Patient: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Referring Hospital: \_\_\_\_\_ Veterinarian: \_\_\_\_\_

Surgery to be performed: \_\_\_\_\_

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.

I authorize the surgeons and/or associates (Drs. Harper, Franklin, Lew and McFadden) of Texas Specialty Veterinary Services, PLLC to perform surgery on my pet. I am also aware that Dr. Harper is board certified in large animal surgery only but have retrained in small animal surgery as well, therefore, offers their services to small animal clients and their animals. I have also been made aware that Dr. Franklin is small animal surgery residency trained, but has not become board certified at this time. At this time Dr. Franklin's title is Practice Limited to Surgery. I understand that there are other board-certified surgeons in small animal available in the area. Drs. Lew and McFadden are board certified small animal surgeons.

Your pet has been diagnosed with a liver mass (tumor or growth) that needs to be excised and biopsied. Depending on the size and location of the mass, either a partial or complete liver lobectomy will be performed. Pets can live safely without complications as long as less than 60% of the liver is removed. In some instances where the tumor is malignant (cancer), there will be obvious spread (metastatic) of the tumor to other areas or organs. In most cases, we will not know if the tumor is benign or malignant until the sample is examined by a pathologist under a microscope. The surgeon may want to contact you during surgery to discuss the findings so please be sure to have a phone nearby during the procedure. The surgeon will attempt to remove the entire mass but in some cases where this may not be done safely, a biopsy will be taken. Many liver tumors are benign hepatomas that grow very slowly and complete resection is not necessary. The biggest complication of liver surgery is hemorrhage both during and after surgery. Your pet may require a blood transfusion which is determined by serial blood counts taken for a few days after the surgery. This is more common in patients with large tumors. After fully discussing the planned surgical procedure and associated risks with your doctor or the surgeon, please sign the consent for surgery below:

