



## **Surgical Release Form for Perineal Urethrostomy in Cat**

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 blocked urethra that needs surgery. The success of this surgery depends upon a healthy urethra which can not be fully evaluated until it is looked at during surgery. In some cases, scar tissue or lacerations can affect the ability of the surgeon to perform the correction. In rare cases, if the damage is up inside the pelvic urethra, the bladder and urethra have to be exposed through an abdominal incision and a new opening created on the abdomen of your pet. Most of the time, though, a much simpler surgery is performed whereby a new urethral opening is created just under the anus which will make your pet look more anatomically like a female rather than a male. The surgery will entail amputating the penis along with the diseased part of the urethra and suturing the healthy urethra to the skin. After fully discussing the planned surgical procedure and associated risks with your doctor or the surgeon, please sign the consent for surgery below:

The undersigned owner or authorized agent of admitted patient \_\_\_\_\_ hereby authorizes the admitting veterinarian (and his/her designated associates or assistants) to administer such treatment as is

necessary to perform the below-mentioned procedure. The nature of the procedure(s) has been explained to me and no guarantee has been made as to results or cure. I understand that there may be risk involved in these procedures. I consent to the administration of such anesthetics or tranquilizers as are necessary.

Anesthetic Risks: (Although every effort is made to make anesthesia as safe as possible including vital sign monitoring and use of the most up to date anesthetic agents and equipment, understand that anesthesia has inherent risks). The incidence of complications from anesthesia is extremely low and we do not anticipate any in your pet but on rare occasions the following can occur:

1. Allergic reaction to the anesthetic agents
2. Heart rhythm abnormalities
3. Untoward reactions to the gas including drops in blood pressure or respiratory difficulties
4. Just like in humans, on very rare occasions, general anesthesia can result in death.

I consent to the following surgical procedure(s): Perineal Urethrostomy

Surgical Risks Include:

1. Infection (less than 3%) which may require additional testing and medication at an additional cost.
2. Loss of bladder control from the bladder stretching during the obstruction (usually resolves in two to three weeks)
3. Urinary incontinence from damage to the urethra (rare).
4. Hidden kidney damage that causes kidney failure which can be life threatening.
5. Wound dehiscence (sutures coming out early) due to self mutilation requiring re-suturing in some cases.
6. Stricture or scar tissue at the new opening necessitating revision surgery (again very rare).

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.

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Please initial to allow TSVS to mention your pet \_\_\_\_\_

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**Date**

**Pet Owner/Agent Signature**

**Phone I Can Be Reached At Today**