



## Surgical Release Form for Ventriculochordectomy (Debarking) Procedure

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 presented for a bilateral ventriculochordectomy procedure. The goal of surgery is to reduce the ability of your pet to bark at its current volume. Please be aware that although your pet should be improved after surgery, a small percentage of patients learn to bark immediately following the surgery due to airway dynamics unable to be controlled surgically. As previously mentioned some patients will retain the ability to bark immediately following surgery or sometimes within the first 12 months following surgery.

The undersigned owner or authorized agent of admitted patient \_\_\_\_\_ hereby authorize 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, I understand that anesthesia carries inherent risks). The incidence of complications from anesthesia are extremely low and we do not anticipate any complications 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.

Procedure: Bilateral Ventriculochoydectomy

Surgical Risks: Complications are unfortunately fairly common in this procedure but they are minimized with an experienced surgeon. In a recent study, 7% of patients undergoing this surgery experienced some complications.

1. Bleeding, gagging, or coughing can occur immediately post-operatively necessitating 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 an uncommon complication of this surgery. A recent study reported 3-7% of patients can develop this condition
3. Failure of the repair or infection of the surgery site.
4. Healing of the surgery site and the ability to bark again.

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

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| <b>Date</b> | <b>Pet Owner/Agent Signature</b> | <b>Phone I Can Be Reached At Today</b> |
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