



## INFORMED CONSENT FOR LASER THERAPY

Laser therapy is a safe and effective therapy that is FDA cleared for the temporary relief of pain and reduction of symptoms associated with mild arthritis and muscle pain. Laser also promotes relaxation of muscle spasm and promotes vasodilation. Adverse effects from laser are rare and temporary. Pain relief from laser therapy may be dramatic and substantial, lasting for hours, days or weeks. However, the results may be minimal or insignificant. Adverse effects of laser therapy may occur from multiple causes including hypersensitivity, preexisting health conditions, thermal effects, excessive pressure from the probe, and laser over-stimulation.

The most common adverse effects are:

1. Temporary increase in pain during application of laser.
2. Temporary increase in pain the following day after laser therapy.
3. Mild bruising from vasodilatation or direct pressure of laser tip.
4. Temporary dizziness.
5. Skin reactions when photosensitizing drugs are used in conjunction with laser therapy.

The client is responsible for all charges associated with laser therapy.

I understand the risks of laser therapy and agree to the treatment program outlined by my pet's doctor.

Pet Owner/Client\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_