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Cholecystectomy/Gall Bladder Removal: Owner Surgical Release/Consent Form

Owner: _____ Patient: _____
Phone Number (day of procedure): _____ Email: _____
Referring Hospital: _____
Referring Veterinarian: _____
Surgery Date: _____

IF YOU ARE UNSURE WHICH PROCEDURE YOUR PET IS HAVING, PLEASE CHECK WITH YOUR PRIMARY CARE VETERINARY CLINIC TO ENSURE THE CORRECT PROCEDURE IS LISTED AND DETAILS ABOUT THE SURGERY ARE AVAILABLE. ALTERNATIVELY, YOU CAN CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (602) 321-1944 AND WE CAN PROVIDE YOU WITH THE PROCEDURE YOUR PET IS SCHEDULED TO HAVE WITH US AT YOUR VETERINARY CLINIC.

Gall bladder disease is a common problem in dogs. Most of the time, the gall bladder is filled with sludge or stones that block the flow of bile necessary for the proper digestion of our food. In most cases, simply **removing the gall bladder (cholecystectomy)** is all that is needed to resolve the problem and that is the procedure recommended by your primary care veterinarian. Depending on surgical and blood work findings, before we can remove the gall bladder, a small incision must be made in the small bowel to find the bile duct opening and check for patency with a small catheter. Occasionally, the problem can be more severe and involve a ruptured bile duct with leakage of bile, tumors obstructing the duct, or infection that leaks into the liver tissue causing jaundice (yellow skin staining). Sometimes we need to reroute the bile flow from the gall bladder directly into the small intestine bypassing the obstruction. These patients with liver dysfunction are at slightly greater risk to undergo anesthesia but without surgery the condition can become fatal. I consent to the selected surgical procedure(s).

I have been advised by my primary care veterinarian as to the nature of the procedure above including potential complications and risks thereof. I authorize ROMAN S. SAVICKY, DVM, DACVS-SA, a representative of PEAK Veterinary Surgical Solutions, LLC (hereinafter "PEAK"), to perform the above procedures. Anesthesia planning, review of diagnostics, anesthesia administration, and anesthesia monitoring will be performed by your primary care veterinary hospital and staff. Anesthesia services are also provided by PEAK and your primary care veterinarian may elect this service. I understand that either the above hospital/clinic (with the assistance of PEAK personnel when needed) or PEAK, if elected by your primary care veterinarian, will be using appropriate sedatives and/or anesthetics and medications needed to perform this procedure. **If your primary care veterinary hospital elects to be responsible for anesthesia, I understand that the above hospital/clinic will be responsible for providing and performing a preoperative/preanesthetic examination of my pet in addition to monitoring, premedication, induction, anesthesia, and recovery of my pet.** I understand no guarantee or warranty can be made as to the outcome of the procedure.

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 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) Reactions to the anesthetics, gas, and other medications including drops in blood pressure or respiratory difficulties 4) Strokes or vascular events 5) Just like in humans, on very rare occasions, general anesthesia can even result in death.**

Surgical Risks Include: **1) Infection which may require additional testing and medication at an additional cost 2) Blood clots that can lodge in major organs causing stroke or rarely death 3) Nerve injury which can be temporary or permanent (very rare) 4) Recurrence of disease or incomplete removal of the tumor which may necessitate additional surgery or therapy at an additional cost 5) Breakdown of**

the repair, migration of implants, or rejection of implants necessitating revision surgery or surgery to remove implants at an additional cost.

Regional/Local Anesthetic: PEAK believes in providing cutting-edge and advanced medicine to our patients, this includes proper pain control. For certain cases and procedures that are more painful (fracture repair, patella luxation, TPLO/extracapsular repair, etc), PEAK will provide regional/local anesthetics for additional pain control. The regional/local anesthetic will temporarily "numb" the nerves to the area that surgery is being performed on. This will dramatically decrease pain during and after surgery as well as decrease the need for higher doses of gas anesthesia making it safer for your pet. PEAK will perform this additional procedure using specialized instrumentation. Although extremely safe, potential risks are, but not limited to: 1) Nerve damage, temporary or permanent (very rare) 2) Hemorrhage 3) Drug reactions that can be fatal.

Education Release: To better community education and outreach, PEAK occasionally will feature patients on its social media pages (Facebook, Instagram, YouTube...) and in publications (print or online). I grant PEAK and its associates the right to use, reuse, and publish for commercial or non-commercial purposes the image, video, pet name (**owner name will not be used**), or likeness of the above-named animal.

- YES - I consent to using my pet on social media or website.
- NO - I do not consent to using my pet on social media or website.

Emergency Situations: In the unexpected event that your pet should experience cardiac or respiratory arrest (heart stops beating or stops breathing) during hospitalization, we need to know your wishes regarding resuscitation so we can act appropriately. For the best outcome, CPR must be started immediately (before calling you). With either choice, the doctor will call ASAP.

- I wish to have CPR performed on my pet (may include oxygen, fluids, chest compression, resuscitation drugs, breathing tube and assisted breathing, open heart massage) which could incur additional charges of \$400-\$1000 or more.
- I elect to have a DNR order for my pet. I DO NOT wish for any resuscitation measures or therapeutic interventions be made should my pet pass away unexpectedly.

A cancellation fee of \$650 will be charged if the procedure is cancelled or rescheduled within two (2) business days of the scheduled surgery date.

- I have read this Consent form, fully understand the risks associated with the above procedure, and authorize Dr. Roman Savicky and PEAK to perform the above procedure on my pet.

Client Signature: _____ Date: _____

****THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED, SIGNED, & EMAILED (info@pvssaz.com) NO LATER THAN 48HRS PRIOR TO SURGERY, OR SURGERY WILL NEED TO BE RESCHEDULED****

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