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## Anal Sacculectomy: 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.**

Your primary care veterinarian has diagnosed your pet with an anal gland tumor(s) that necessitate surgical removal. Tumors of the anal gland are not uncommon in our pets. These tumors are typically malignant and categorized as Apocrine Gland Anal Sac Adenocarcinomas. **Complete staging of your pet is recommended** prior to surgery and includes: **1)** Pre-surgical blood work to determine general organ health **2)** Pre-surgical needle aspirate or biopsy to confirm the diagnosis **3)** Abdominal ultrasound to determine metastasis or spread of disease, typically to the medial iliac lymph nodes in the abdomen **4)** Three view thoracic radiographs (x-rays) to determine metastasis or spread of disease to the lungs **OR 5)** CT scan of the thorax and abdomen in lieu of the abdominal ultrasound and thoracic radiographs. Malignant tumors generally require a wide margin of excision to completely remove, unfortunately, due to the location of the anal glands, it is not possible to get wide margins due to the close location of the anus, colon, and important nerves and vessels. Because of this, even with aggressive surgery, these tumors can still spread and occasionally re-grow necessitating revision surgery and/or chemotherapy. Rarely, the tumor can be so invasive that complete excision is not possible without damaging the rectum or the nerves that control defecation. If abdominal lymph nodes are enlarged, abdominal explore with lymph node removal could also be recommended. I consent to the selected surgical procedure(s).

My pet is having an anal sacculectomy on the above date, on their:

LEFT anal sac       RIGHT anal sac       BOTH anal sacs       Abdominal Explore with Lymph Node Removal

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 procedure. 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:** Every effort is made to prevent or minimize complications, however, any surgery near the rectum has a higher complication rate than other areas of the body. Besides the obvious issue of fecal contamination that can lead to infection, pets frequently lick or scoot after surgery which can irritate the incision or prematurely tear out any sutures or breakdown of the repair. Additionally, bowel movements can be affected due to post-operative discomfort and many times your veterinarian may prescribe stool softeners for a short time until the surgical wound is healed. Previous surgery or infections can make removing the entire gland more difficult and increase the chance of draining tracts forming after surgery. Significant hemorrhage can also be encountered with anal gland removal. Removal of the abdominal lymph nodes can result in life-threatening hemorrhage. Nerve injury leading to incontinence which can be temporary or permanent (very rare) can be seen. Formation of a seroma or fluid pocket can develop due to dead space formation, sometimes requiring placement of a surgical drain at additional cost. Lastly, due to size and location, incomplete margins and recurrence/spread of disease can be seen. Performing bilateral anal saccullectomy can increase these risks.

**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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