



Surgical Release Form for Lateral Suture Repair

Owner Name: _____ Patient Name: _____ Date: _____

Referring Hospital: _____ Your Veterinarian: _____

On the Spot Vet Surgeon: _____ Surgery to be Performed: _____

Please read the following surgical release form carefully. By signing at the end of this form, you are agreeing that you have read and understand the terms and conditions for your pet to be under the care of On The Spot Vet Surgeons.

Surgical Plan: Your pet has been diagnosed with a fully or partially ruptured cranial crucial ligament (CrCL) that will benefit from a surgical repair known as an Extracapsular Lateral Suture Stabilization (ELSS).

Surgical Procedure: The surgeon will perform an arthrotomy (joint explore) of the stifle and inspect the meniscus for removal or release if surgically necessary. The surgeon may utilize one or more methods of repair depending on the extent of damage seen inside the joint. This can include other torn or stretched ligaments, osteophytes growing along the joint, and meniscal damage. The suture material is implanted in the knee to mimic the actions of the CrCL.

As with any surgery, there are complications that may occur with both anesthesia and the surgical procedure. Strict adherence to the recommended post-operative treatment protocol is necessary for healing following ELSS.

General Anesthetic Risks: Although every effort is made to ensure anesthesia is as safe as possible, there are inherent anesthetic risks to your pet. The incidence of complications from anesthesia are extremely low and we do not anticipate any in your pet, but, on rare occasions the following may occur:

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

Our highly trained veterinary medical team will take every precaution to take care of your pet while in our care. We monitor your pet's vital signs diligently and utilize only the most up-to-date anesthetic agents and equipment.

Surgical risks:

1. Infection (less than 3%) 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 both during or after anesthesia.

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3. Artificial ligament rupture (especially if your pet is overactive).
4. Advancing arthritis that makes the joint stiff and sore, especially after exercise or in cold weather.
5. Nerve injury (extremely rare) which can be temporary or permanent.
6. Allergic reaction to the suture material utilized in the repair or surgical manipulation can cause a seroma to form (small pocket of fluid) which usually resolve over time without drainage or surgery (about 10%). Rarely, some patients develop a suture reaction right after surgery or months to years later that requires suture removal.
7. Some larger pets with an abnormal tibial plateau slope will not respond well to a lateral suture repair and need a more expensive and difficult procedure called a TPLO. This is a rare occurrence.
8. Pivot shift which results in stifle turning out while walking. In most cases, this is temporary and causes no problems if it persists.
9. A second surgery may be needed if your pet fails to improve after surgery or suddenly stops using the leg after initial improvement. Complications that can lead to a second surgery include fabellar bone avulsion, bone anchor failure, meniscal tears, infection, autoimmune disease, suture reaction, and loosening of the suture (most common if your pet is overactive).

Strict adherence to post-surgical care and the proper medicating of your pet will minimize these potential complications. Serious problems are very uncommon in most cases.

Surgical Consent to Medical Treatment and CPR Directive: In the unlikely event that your pet will require resuscitative measures, please read the following directive, and choose one of the options for cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

During anesthesia, life threatening complications such as respiratory and/or cardiac arrest may occur, requiring medication treatment and/or CPR. If my pet stops breathing or his/her heart stops beating, I realize even the most successful CPR measures may not restore him/her to good mental and physical health.

- **Level 1:** NO CPR procedures are to be administered. DO NOT PERFORM CPR ON MY PET.
- **Level 2:** Endotracheal tube intubation, positive pressure respiration, administration of emergency drugs, external cardiac massage (chest compressions).

Print or Type your CPR choice here: _____

I accept that if the On The Spot Medical Team are unable to reach me within twenty (20) minutes after the initiation of CPR and if after administering reasonable treatment there appears to be virtually no hope for medical success, CPR will be withdrawn.

I consent to the following surgical procedure(s) for my pet: Lateral Suture Repair (Extracapsular Lateral Suture Stabilization) of the **LEFT** or **RIGHT** (please circle the correct leg to be repaired) rear leg or choose from the drop-down menu (if electronic form is utilized): _____

I have discussed the aforementioned surgery and the importance of pre-surgical blood testing with my primary veterinarian. I understand that there are risks and hazards involved with the recommended surgical procedure, including general anesthetic risk. I agree to follow post-operative instructions and

restrict my pet from full activity until approved by Dr. Reynolds or my primary veterinarian. I realize that no guaranty or warranty can ethically or professionally be made regarding the results or cure of my pet.

By signing below, I authorize the surgeons and/or associates of On The Spot Veterinary Surgeons, LLC, to perform surgery on my pet. I am also aware that Dr. Reynolds is not a board certified surgeon and I understand that there are small-animal board-certified surgeons available in the area.

Pet Owner Name: _____ Pet Owner Signature: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Post-operative go-home instructions will be e-mailed directly to you. Please provide an accurate e-mail address that you can access the day of your pet's surgery.

Social Media Release: On the Spot Veterinary Surgeons LLC occasionally features patients on its Facebook page, YouTube channel, other social media sites, and in publications (print or online). With your permission, we may share your pet's picture, video or story. We may mention your pet by name, but never the owner's name. We would be grateful that you'll be helping other pets by educating pet owners, veterinary technicians and veterinarians.

Please choose one of the following options for social media permissions:

- Yes, On The Spot may mention your pet on social media channels.
- No, please do not share my pet's picture, video or story.

OTS Medical Team Use only:

Pet last meal prior to surgery?

Current medications and when last given?