



Surgical Release Form for Fracture 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 fractured bone that needs surgical repair. The plan is to repair the fracture in a way that immobilizes the bones to prevent further damage, reduce pain and aid in proper healing. Many times the surgical plan can only be determined at the time the surgical procedure as fissures (small cracks in the bone) sometimes do not show up on radiographs which determine the extent of repair needed and type of repair warranted. Additionally, If the fracture site is open and prone to infection, plates and screws cannot be used as any infection would be difficult to correct. Your primary veterinarian and On The Spot will work together to determine which method(s) are necessary for surgical repair in order to restore function to the bone as quickly as possible.

Surgical Procedure: To stabilize your pet's fractured bone, the surgeon may utilize internal pins, wires, screws, bone plates, and/or an external fixator repair method. The surgeon will take into account your pet's radiographs, age, demeanor, activity level, size, medical history, and post-surgical rehabilitation options when determining the surgical repair method. Strict adherence to the recommended post-operative protocol is necessary for healing. Your pet will need to complete rehabilitation to regain strength and function in the affected leg. As with any surgery, there are complications that may occur with both anesthesia and the surgical procedure.

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 will monitor your pet's vital signs diligently and utilize only the most up-to-date anesthetic agents and equipment.

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In some cases, bone healing complications can arise, especially in our animal patients where bed rest and crutches are never an option. In most cases, there will be no complications after your pet's surgery and the bone will fully heal in 8-12 weeks.

Surgical Risks:

1. Infection (less than 3% in closed fractures) which may require additional testing and medication.
2. Blood clots that can lodge in major organs causing stroke or rarely death before, during or after anesthesia.
3. Delayed healing of the bone may occur. Every patient has a varying inherit ability to repair damaged bone that is not under the control of the surgeon.
4. Nonunion of the bone where the fractured bone does not heal despite our best attempts and will require a second surgery.
5. Loose or broken hardware implants that may cause your pet discomfort. These may need to be removed and/or replaced.
6. External fixators are pins that go into the broken bone through the skin and are connected to a rod outside the leg. These pins can loosen or break and need replacement. On extremely rare occasions, severe bleeding can occur from blood vessels rubbing against the pins after surgery requiring additional surgical repair.
7. Nerve Injury (especially spine and sacral fractures) which can be temporary or permanent.

If additional testing, medications, or surgical procedures are required please note that there is an additional cost with this. Strict adherence to post-surgical care and medicating of your pet will minimize these potential complications and 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: Fracture Repair of the **LEFT** or **RIGHT** (please circle the correct leg to be repaired) **FRONT** or **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?