



## Surgical Release Form for Tibial Plateau Leveling Osteotomy

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 torn anterior cruciate ligament that will benefit from a Tibial Plateau Leveling Osteotomy (TPLO) procedure. Other techniques are available for treating this condition, however, based on the size of your dog and the expected results of this procedure, your primary veterinarian and On The Spot believe the TPLO procedure is most appropriate for your pet. Strict adherence to the recommended post-operative treatment protocol is necessary for healing following a TPLO surgery.

**Surgical Procedure:** To relieve the pain associated with the torn cruciate ligament and accompanying inflammation, the top portion of the tibia (lower leg bone) is osteotomized (cut) and rotated to a position that will produce less stress on the knee. Sometimes the medial and/or lateral meniscus (a shock absorber cartilage in the knee) is torn as well and must be removed or trimmed. Please be advised when this cartilage is torn, arthritis develops more rapidly, even after surgical removal. After surgery, your pet will need to go through periods of recovery to allow the bone to heal and will need to complete rehabilitation to regain strength and flexibility in the affected leg. In most dogs, the recovery and rehab periods can be up to 4 to 6 months before full return to unrestricted activity. 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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**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.
3. Hemorrhage, especially from the popliteal artery.
4. Bruising and edema postoperatively.
5. Implant breakage or failure, requiring additional surgery at an added cost.
6. Fractures of the tibia or fibula bones.
7. Allergic reaction to the suture material utilized in the repair causing a seroma to form (small pocket of fluid) which usually resolve over time without drainage or revision.
8. Advancing arthritis that makes the joint stiff and sore, especially after exercise or in cold weather.

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. Your pet will need to be under exercise restrictions until healing of the osteotomy is shown on radiographs.

**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:** Tibial Plateau Leveling Osteotomy (TPLO) 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?