Lung Lobectomy Surgery Consent Form

Your pet has been diagnosed with a condition that requires removal of one or more lung lobes. Dogs and cats have multiple lung lobes and can live a healthy life with as much as half the lung lobes removed. Chest surgery is more risky than other types of surgery so great care is taken to monitor your pet’s vital signs before, during and after the procedure. To prevent life threatening complications due to air leakage a chest tube will be placed in your pet after surgery and it will require twenty four hour monitoring until it is removed 1-2 days after surgery in most cases. In addition, chest surgery is more painful than abdominal surgery and pain control must be administered by injection for the first 24-48 hours to keep your pet comfortable. In most cases, the full extent and nature of your pet’s illness may not be known until after a pathologist examines the lung tissue and issues a report in five to seven days. The most common complications after lung lobectomy is leakage of air and hemorrhage that rarely requires a second surgery to correct. After fully discussing the planned surgical procedure and associated risks with your doctor or the surgeon, please sign the consent for surgery below:

The undersigned owner or authorized agent of admitted patient _____________________ hereby authorizes the admitting veterinarian (and his/her designated associates or assistants) to administer such treatment as is necessary to perform the below-mentioned procedure. The nature of the procedure(s) has been explained to me and no guarantee has been made as to results or cure. I understand that there may be risk involved in these procedures. I consent to the administration of such anesthetics or tranquilizers as are necessary.

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, 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. Untoward reactions to the gas including drops in blood pressure or respiratory difficulties
4. Just like in humans, on very rare occasions, general anesthesia can result in death.

We are prepared and will treat any anesthetic reactions if they occur, but general anesthesia is never completely without risk, just like driving a car.

I consent to the following surgical procedure(s): Lung(s) Lobectomy, Lateral Thoracotomy or Sternal Thoracotomy, Epidural for pain.

Surgical Risks Include:
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. Delayed healing of the sternum if a sternotomy is done instead of entering the chest between the ribs.
4. Intra-operative or post-operative bleeding that can require blood transfusions.
5. Pneumothorax (leakage of air into the chest cavity) that requires additional surgery occurs in rare instances (2-3%).
6. Local tumor recurrence or metastases (spread to other organs) can occur if your pet has a tumor that is malignant.
7. Pleuritis (inflammation of the lining of the chest and lungs).
8. Lameness in the front leg on the side of the surgery can occur for 1-2 days due to cutting of the lattisimus dorsi muscle when entering the chest.
9. Epidural complications are extremely rare but include transient (temporary) urinary retention, allergic reaction, itching at site of injection and transient rear leg weakness for one

Although this list is extensive and includes some serious complications, most patients undergoing lung removal have very few complications and serious problems are very uncommon.

| Date | Pet Owner/Agent Signature | Phone I Can Be Reached At Today |