



## **DECLAW CONSENT FORM**

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

OWNER: \_\_\_\_\_ PATIENT: \_\_\_\_\_

**MPAH PROCEDURE** – The Disarticulation/Blade Method

### **PAIN MANAGEMENT**

- Local anesthetic to the feet undergoing declawing
- Metacam – Oral pain meds
- Systemic opioid injection

**HOSPITALIZATION** – minimum of 1 night hospitalization

### **POST-OPERATIVE CARE**

I understand that my compliance with all instructions and administration of all medications following my cat's declawing plays a critical role in minimizing his/her risk of complications.

- Oral antibiotics
- Oral anti-inflammatories
- Paper litter for 2 weeks following declawing
- Monitoring feet for swelling, discharge, or disuse
- To better protect your cat from predators, we require that you commit to ensuring your declawed cat will forever be an inside only cat.

### **POSSIBLE COMPLICATIONS OF FELINE DECLAWING**

I understand that the risks associated with declawing are greater for larger cats

- Infection
- Bleeding – some is normal during 1<sup>st</sup> 24 hr after surgery
- Pad damage
- Lameness/pain
- Claw regrowth
- Radial nerve damage – usually resolves in 6 to 8 weeks
- Swelling and/or wounds associated with bandaging
- Anesthetic complications, including death

\_\_\_\_\_ **“Declawing and Its Alternatives”** by Wendy C Brooks, DVM, DABVP has been A copy has been provided to me. Any questions relating to this handout have been answered to my satisfaction.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have also read and signed the MPAH Consent to Anesthesia Form and I certify that I am aware of the risks associated with anesthesia.

Signed Owner/Agent: \_\_\_\_\_ Best Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please initial in the spaces provided above.**

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