



ORTHOPEDIC CONSENT FORM

DATE: _____ OWNER: _____ PATIENT: _____

PROCEDURE: _____

Pain Management

- Injectable and oral anti-inflammatories
- Systemic opioid injections and/or constant rate infusion (through IV line)

Hospitalization – minimum of 1 night hospitalization

Post-Operative Care

I understand that my compliance with all instructions and administration of all medications plays a critical role in minimizing my pet's risk of complications.

- Oral antibiotics
- Oral anti-inflammatories
- Confinement – degree and length depends upon surgical procedure performed
- Monitoring of surgery site for swelling, discharge, and/or disuse of limb

Note on Orthopedic Implants (plates, pins, screws, etc)

Implants are applied to bones in an attempt to stabilize them enough to heal. The implants themselves are never meant to be a means of permanent stabilization. That means that an implant must hold long enough to allow the animal's body to heal. Implant application/selection and owner post-operative compliance greatly effect the success of an implant. However, every animal is biologically unique. Age, underlying health status, the nature of injuries, etc all impact the rate at which an animal may heal and therefore the subsequent length of time that an implant is required for stabilization.

Possible Complications

- Infection
- Bleeding – some is normal during 1st 24 hr after surgery
- Lameness/pain
- Implant failure (see above) and either subsequent surgery and/or amputation
- Swelling and/or wounds associated with bandaging
- Implant irritation requiring removal
- Thombosis/blood clot/stroke – possible with any surgery, but may be higher risk with orthopedic surgery
- Anesthetic complications, including death

_____ 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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