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SURGICAL RELEASE FORM

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| First and Last Name: | Pet's Name: |
| Address: | Breed/Color: |
| City, State, Postal Code: | Sex: |
| Phone Number: | Current Weight (Obtain at Hospital): |

I request and authorize Fort Hunt Animal Hospital to hospitalize my pet to have _____ procedure performed. An IV catheter and fluids are included in the cost of the procedure. An IV catheter allows immediate intravenous access in case of an emergency and the administration of intravenous fluids to help maintain blood pressure and hydration during surgery. A preanesthetic blood screening which checks for anemia and assesses kidney and liver functions is also included in the overall price of the procedure. _____ Owners Initials

Deciduous baby teeth are a problem that affect both kittens and puppies. Generally they will fall out before the pet turns 6 months of age, but if they are still present after 6 months of age there is a risk of infection, severe tartar build-up in the future, and malocclusion (crooked teeth) resulting in other oral health problems.

I do _____ I do not _____ request the removal of any deciduous teeth.

A Microchip is a form of permanent identification that can be implanted while your pet is under anesthesia.

I do _____ I do not _____ request a microchip implant. _____ My pet is already microchipped.

While under anesthesia, we can give your pet a nail trim for a reduced cost of \$9.00.

I do _____ I do not _____ request a nail trim.

I understand that if my pet is found to have fleas treatment will be initiated at a nominal fee. _____ Owners Initials

A biopsy of any excised may be deemed necessary by the doctor. Biopsies are interpreted by veterinary pathologists at an outside laboratory. Results are typically available one week after surgery. Yes _____ No _____ Doctor's discretion _____

Laser surgery is available for many surgical procedures. There are many advantages to using the laser for surgical procedures. The laser cauterizes blood vessels as it cuts through tissue leading to decreased bleeding, swelling, and pain. Would you like us to use the laser for your pet's surgery today? Yes _____ No _____

Perioperative pain management is very important for the comfort of the patient, as well as to facilitate post-operative healing; therefore, all patients receive pain medication before, during, and after surgery. If appropriate, patients may receive "cold" laser treatment over the painful area as well. The doctor may also send pain medication to be administered at home in the days following surgery. _____ Owners Initials

Epidural analgesia (pain relief) has become a very common way to provide pain relief for animals undergoing painful surgical procedures. An epidural is a single injection of pain medication into the epidural space (around the spinal cord) just before the pelvis. A small area of hair is clipped and the skin is aseptically prepped. The injection will provide 12-24 hours of pain relief and allows for a significant reduction in the amount of inhalant anesthetic gas required for general anesthesia. This treatment is safe and carries minimal associated risk, but risks can include hypotension, urinary retention, infection, and paralysis. Please ask to speak with a licensed veterinary technician (LVT) or veterinarian if you have questions or concerns about the procedure and whether or not it is right for your pet. I do _____ I do not _____ request an epidural for my pet.

Would you like a formal estimate before the procedure? Yes: _____ No: _____

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IMPORTANT! PLEASE READ CAREFULLY:

Fort Hunt Animal Hospital's healthcare team provides superior pet health care and caring attention to every family member every time. We strive to perform at our best and demonstrate an AAHA standard care of excellent veterinary practice. If for any reason your pet is in an emergency state and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) is needed, we require all hospitalized and boarding pets to have a "code" status to allow for the fastest response possible. Please initial one of the following options:

OPTION #1: MAXIMUM RESUSCITATIVE EFFORTS AUTHORIZED

I understand that there are risks associated with anesthesia and surgery, and that the doctors will do their best to minimize these risks. If my pet's vital signs change such that additional supportive treatment is needed, the veterinary team will proceed with supportive life-sustaining procedures. I request that the doctors and staff perform CPR procedures to revive my pet, which may include any or all of the following procedures: endotracheal intubation, oxygen support, administration of emergency drugs, and chest compressions. As with all services provided by Fort Hunt Animal Hospital, payment for these services will be made at the time they are rendered, regardless of the outcome. I accept that if the hospital staff is unable to reach me within 10 minutes after the initiation of CPR procedures, and after exercising reasonable medical judgment, determine that there appears to be virtually no hope for medical success, they will cease further CPR procedures and administer a medication to help my pet pass peacefully (euthanasia). I understand that despite the best efforts of the doctors and staff at this facility, even the most successful CPR that restores my pet's life may not allow my pet to regain his/her normal mental and physical health. _____ Owners Initials

OPTION #2: DO NOT RESUSCITATE (DNR)

I understand that there are risks associated with anesthesia and surgery, and that the doctors will do their best to minimize these risks. If my pet's vital signs change such that additional supportive treatment is needed, I **do not wish** for Fort Hunt Animal Hospital to attempt resuscitation of my pet. I elect, instead, that the attending doctor administer a medication to help my pet pass away peacefully (euthanasia). This order does not affect comfort or other medically indicated care. _____ Owners Initials

Signature: _____

Phone number(s) where you can be reached during your pet's hospitalization: _____

Staff Checked In: _____