

**KAUFMAN COUNTY ANIMAL AWARENESS PROJECT KCAAP  
STERILIZATION AUTHORIZATION AND RELEASE FORM  
THIS IS A LEGALLY BINDING DOCUMENT, READ BEFORE SIGNING.**

**Procedure and Risks**

Your animal(s) is undergoing spay and/or neuter surgery. There are natural risks involved with the surgery itself, and the use of anesthetics and other drugs. Injury and death can result from the surgery, any related procedures, and from complications following surgery. KCAAP does not conduct pre-operative blood tests and your pet may have unknown disorders of the liver, kidney, blood, and/or other system. Such disorders may increase your pets' anesthetic risks. The following conditions increase the possibility of complications or death before, during, or after surgery:

- Animals in advanced stages of pregnancy
- Animals in heat
- Animals of advanced age
- Animals suffering from worms, leukemia, or other diseases or injury

**Your female dog/cat will receive a small tattoo on her underside to show that she has been sterilized.**

**Consent**

I am 18 years of age or older and the owner or authorized agent responsible for the animal(s) described below. I understand the risks involved in my animal's surgery and that injury or death may occur. I assume full responsibility for the consequences that may arise.

I authorize KCAAP, its staff members, volunteers and/or agents to receive, transport, and perform any and all necessary services for the sterilization surgery to be performed upon the animal(s) named below: Name(s), ages(s) and description of animal(s):

Pet # 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Pet # 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Pet # 3 \_\_\_\_\_ Pet # 4 \_\_\_\_\_

To my knowledge this animal(s) is in good health.

If the animal(s) dies as a result of surgery, I will be notified and the animal may be picked up by me or the remains will be taken care of in accordance with state laws and the policy of this clinic. I understand that I am responsible for paying all costs of services rendered, including the cost of keeping and/or disposing of animals.

I understand that KCAAP is not responsible for complications resulting from my failure to follow post-operative instructions; my request to release the animal early, while still showing signs of sedation; my failure to keep the animal indoors for seven (7) days; or for contagious diseases for which the animal was not previously vaccinated, including kennel cough.

I understand that there is some risk of a moving vehicle accident when my animal is being transported to the surgery clinic and hold KCAAP and its driver harmless from any liability resulting from such accident.

I acknowledge that no guarantees or assurances have been made to me regarding the results of this surgery.

**Independent Veterinarians**

I acknowledge that the veterinarians treating my animal(s) do not work for KCAAP. The veterinarians are engaged in the private practice of veterinary medicine and are not employees or agents of KCAAP. KCAAP is not responsible for the judgment or conduct of the veterinarians who treat or provide services to my animal(s). KCAAP does not exercise control of any nature over any procedures performed by the attending veterinarian and I will not hold KCAAP, its staff, volunteers, or agents liable or responsible in any manner for any complications that may arise during surgery or as a result of the surgery.

The veterinarian may perform additional treatments or procedures that he or she feels are important to the health of the animal(s). These additional treatments or procedures are beyond the scope of KCAAP's services and additional charges may apply.

The veterinarian may also refuse to perform any procedure on any animal for any reason. Such refusal is at the sole discretion of the attending veterinarian. I also understand and acknowledge that KCAAP may refuse to accept any animal that, in its opinion, could jeopardize the safety of any other animal or person.

I certify that this animal(s) has had no food for at least ten (10) hours prior to surgery.

I understand that I **MUST** pick up this animal(s) on the day and time indicated by KCAAP personnel. Failure to pick up within one day will be construed as abandonment and animal(s) may be disposed of, or destroyed, whichever deemed best. A late charge of \$15 will be assessed to all owners who do not pick up their animal(s) by 5:00 pm or at pick-up sites at the designated time, with overnight charges of \$20 per night.

TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, THIS ANIMAL HAS NOT BITTEN ANY PERSON DURING THE PAST FIFTEEN (15) DAYS PRECEDING THIS DATE.

**MICROCHIPS** are the best way to recover your pets when they become lost. KCAAP offers this service for only \$11.00 which includes the lifetime registration of your pet. Would you like us to **MICROCHIP** your pet today \_\_\_\_\_YES \_\_\_\_\_NO (adopted pets in TX must be chipped).

**DOG OWNERS please initial one of the following:**

While required for dogs over 5 years of age, a pre-anesthetic occult Heartworm test is recommended on all dogs over 7 months before elective surgeries. Heartworm disease can lead to severe complications, and even death, under or after anesthesia/surgery.

\_\_\_\_\_ I, owner or authorized agent of the dog, request a pre-surgical occult heartworm test for my dog for an additional fee of \$16.50.

\_\_\_\_\_ I, the owner (or authorized agent) decline the pre-surgical heartworm test and fully understand the additional risks involved if my dog is heartworm positive.

**DOG OWNERS please initial that you have been informed of the following:**

\_\_\_\_\_ The pain medication used after surgery on **Dogs** is Ketoprofen. This is a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID) that is labeled for use in horses. Use in dogs is considered "off label" but is not uncommon in veterinary medicine. Side effects of this drug, as in all NSAIDs, can include gastrointestinal upsets and rarely, kidney dysfunction. If you do not wish to have Ketoprofen used, an alternative pain medication can be given for an extra charge. Please initial that you have been informed that this is an off label use of the drug.

\_\_\_\_\_ Your dog has been given two medications today for pain; one that lasts for six hours and another that lasts for approximately 24 hours. Some dogs may experience pain beyond 24 hours. You may purchase extra pain medication to take home for an additional fee. Please initial that you have been informed of the availability of additional pain medication and **DO NOT** wish to purchase it.

**CAT OWNERS please initial one of the following:**

A pre-anesthetic FELV/FIV test is recommended before elective surgeries. This disease can lead to severe complications, and even death, under or after anesthesia/surgery.

\_\_\_\_\_ I, owner or authorized agent responsible for the cat request a FELV/FIV test for my cat for an additional fee of \$19.80.

\_\_\_\_\_ I, the owner or authorized agent responsible for the cat decline the pre-surgical FELV/FIV test and fully understand the additional risks if my cat is FELV/FIV positive.

**DONATIONS PLEASE** KCAAP is a nonprofit charity that works on donations. Our cost to perform a cat surgery is \$75 and a dog surgery is \$105. Please consider giving a donation of \_\_\_\_\_\$1 \_\_\_\_\_\$5 \_\_\_\_\_\$10 \_\_\_\_\_Other. It will be added to your invoice. Thank you.

*By signing below I hereby confirm that the procedures to be performed have been fully explained to me to my satisfaction and I have read and understand the contents of this document.*

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**WE ACCEPT CASH, MASTERCARD or VISA PAYMENT ONLY**