

NOSE TO TAIL ANIMAL CLINIC CONSENT FORM

OWNER FIRST NAME	OWNER LAST NAME	DATE
ADDRESS	CITY	ZIP
PHONE	EMAIL	

CAT NAME	BREED	COLOR(S)	WEIGHT
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Is this animal taking any daily medication (i.e. Antibiotics, insulin)?

YES	NO
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I understand if the animal has fleas, they will be given a Capstar to kill the live fleas to keep a sterile field for surgery. an additional cost will be charged.

YES	NO
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I understand if my pet is in heat, needs antibiotics, cryptorchid, pregnant, has a pyometra, etc. an additional cost will be charged.

YES	NO
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Has your cat shown any signs of illness such as COUGHING/SNEEZING/VOMITING/DIARRHEA/CHANGE IN APPETITE?
If yes, please explain:

YES	NO
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Has your pet had any previous reactions to vaccines, medications, or anesthesia?
Ever had a seizure? If yes, please explain:

YES	NO
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By signing, I acknowledge that I have read, understood and agree to all the terms listed and confirm that all the information given is correct.

PRINTED NAME	DATE
SIGNATURE	

I agree to be bound by the following terms and conditions:

I am over the age of 18 and the lawful owner (or the owner's authorized representative) of the animal described on this form. **Identification is required.**

As acting owner or agent of the designated animal, I hereby request and authorize Nose to Tail Animal Clinic, through whomever veterinarians they may designate, to perform sexual sterilization surgery for the animal designated.

I certify that my animal is in good health and has had no food since midnight the evening prior to surgery.

I understand that Nose to Tail Animal Clinic uses qualified staffing as well as approved materials and techniques for all procedures performed. I further understand that my animal will undergo a proven anesthetic protocol for surgical sterilization and that any anesthetic protocol poses an inherent risk. I understand that Nose to Tail Animal Clinic will use every possible precaution to prevent anesthetic complications from occurring, however some hazards such as injury or death are possible and I assume all risks.

I understand that certain health factors may significantly increase surgical complications, including but not limited to:

- Current Pregnancy -Recent Pregnancy -Old Age -Brachycephalic -Emaciation
- Cryptorchidism -Respiratory Issues -Infections -Heart Conditions/Murmurs -Heat Cycle
- Parasitic Infestation -Medications -Vomiting -Diarrhea -Disease
- Neurologic Conditions -Lack of Current Vaccinations -Lack of Medical History -Obesity

I understand that the attending veterinarian will perform a limited pre-surgical exam when possible, however certain factors may necessitate the exam being performed after anesthesia has already been administered.

I understand if in the course of the exam or procedure a medical condition were to be discovered that requires medical attention, additional procedure(s), or prescription medication(s), that the attending veterinarian may either: render such services as they deem necessary at an additional cost; decline my animal at that time; and/or recommend further evaluation at a full-service veterinarian. **Any and all additional costs must be paid at pick up.**

I understand if my animal is found to be pregnant at the time of surgery, that the surgical sterilization will continue and the pregnancy will be terminated at an additional cost.

I understand that failure to maintain current vaccinations is a health risk to my animal and waive all claims arising from the lack thereof.

I understand that the Nose to Tail Animal Clinic staff reserve the right to decline any animal for surgical consideration who is deemed a health risk, as well as for non-payment or lack of paperwork.

I understand that if I don't return for my animal at the agreed upon pick up time, my animal will be considered abandoned and turned over to local authorities. At said time all ownership rights are relinquished and I will be held responsible for any and all medical, transportation, boarding costs and any other charges accumulated.

I hereby release Nose to Tail Animal Clinic and its staff and volunteers from any and all claims arising out of or in connection with any medical procedure or adverse vaccine reaction. I agree that I have not and will not claim any right of compensation from any of them, or file action by reason of such sterilization or attempted sterilization of such animal or any consequences related thereto. I agree to indemnify and hold Nose to Tail Animal Clinic harmless for any damages caused due to unforeseeable events including necessary transportation of the animal, fire, vandalism, burglary, extreme weather, natural disasters or acts of God. **I agree this entire release applies to Blackford County Animal Shelter.**

I understand my animal will receive a small green tattoo on his/her underside to show that he/she has been sterilized

By signing this document, I understand that I am responsible for and agree to adhere to all Post-Operative Care instructions as directed by Nose to Tail Animal Clinic. I understand that Nose to Tail Animal Clinic is not responsible for care or treatment needed after surgery resulting from failure to abide by the Post-Operative Instructions and guidelines.

I agree this entire release applies to Blackford County Animal Shelter, its staff and volunteers.

Date:

Signature:

Nose to Tail Animal Clinic & Blackford County Animal Shelter

After surgery instructions:

Activity

Following surgery, keep your pet indoors in a warm, quiet room for 24 to 36 hours. Activity must be minimal for seven days after surgery, as running, jumping and wrestling with other pets or children can cause damage to the incision.

Pain

Pets received an injectable pain medication during surgery, but they may experience mild discomfort or soreness for 24 to 36 hours following surgery. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Blackford County Animal Shelter at 765-744-7891 and do not give aspirin, Tylenol, or any human pain medications to your pet.

Food and Water

Offer a small amount of food 3-4 hours after surgery for adult cats. If they are not interested in eating right away, this is not unusual. Pick up the food and offer it again after a couple of hours. All cats should be eating by the morning after surgery.

For kittens (< 6 months of age) offer food immediately upon arrival home for kittens less than 6 months of age. Feed a small meal (1-2 tablespoons) of canned food and water immediately when you get home. Can repeat 1-2 hours later if no vomiting.

Resume normal feeding the day after surgery. Vomiting, depression or lack of appetite is normal following surgery, but after 24 hours, any of these continued symptoms may indicate a deeper problem. In this situation, you may call Blackford County Animal Shelter at 765-744-7891.

Urinating and Defecating

Your pet should still be urinating even if it is not eating. It is important to verify that your cat is urinating. If you have more than one cat, you must watch the litter box to assure your cat is urinating. Anesthesia may cause diarrhea or constipation for a day or two, but if your pet does not defecate normally within two days, please contact your regular veterinarian.

Incision

Check your pet's incision daily for swelling, bleeding, discharge, or wound opening. Some of these symptoms are expected and are not cause for alarm, but if it seems excessive, please call Blackford County Animal Shelter at 765-744-7891 for advice. It is not uncommon for a suture reaction to occur on spay incisions. This will look like a firm or soft lump at the surgery incision. It may be the size of a grape or as large as a walnut (3/4 inch to 1.5-inch diameter). It will not be painful. It will not be red. It will not be moist.

Keep your pet clean and dry for seven days after surgery. Do not wash or clean the incision, as this may introduce infection. Bathing your pet is prohibited for at least one week after surgery.

Licking

Discourage your pet from licking or biting at the incision line. If needed, we encourage you to purchase an Elizabethan collar to prevent damage to the incision. Fixing the damage a pet does to the incision will be done at the owner's expense.

Virile

Male cats remain virile for 3-4 weeks after surgery. Please keep them confined.

After-Hours Emergencies

If you are concerned about your cat following his or her surgery at our clinic, and you think it is related to the surgery, please TEXT Blackford County Animal Shelter at 765-744-7891. If you have a concern in the middle of the night, or if you have not received a response in a timely fashion, please contact your regular

veterinarian or the nearest 24-hour emergency clinic. This includes VCA Advanced Veterinary Care Center at 317-578-4100, MedVet Indianapolis at 317-872-8387 or Indynet Indianapolis at 317-782-4484.

****Please understand that regardless of the circumstances if you choose to take your pet to another facility, we are not financially responsible for care or treatment after surgery at that facility. By signing and initialing your surgical consent form at a.m. check in you have agreed and understand this policy. We will not be responsible for post operative care provided.**

Additional Instructions Feral/outdoor cats:

- DO NOT release your cat until tomorrow morning.
- Keep cats in a crate/live trap until release into the outdoors.
- Cover the crate with a sheet or light blanket to reduce stress for the cat.
- Keep the cat warm (70 degrees F) and monitor hourly. An inside bathroom works well. Cats are unable to fully regulate body temperature until anesthesia is fully out of their system.
- Okay to offer a small amount of canned food mixed with water today. Place food in a shallow dish. Open the cage door only as far as is needed to get food inside. Place food inside without placing your hand inside the cage. ***Use extreme caution so as not to get bitten.*** If in doubt, do not feed the cat tonight but instead offer food at an outdoor location tomorrow when it is let free.
- Monitor for bleeding, excessive licking, infection, illness, decreased appetite and activity.

Releasing the cat: The following morning after surgery, the cat can be released back into the area where they were trapped. Prior to release, be sure there are no signs of illness. If there is extreme weather or the cat has been pregnant, keeping an extra 24-48 hours may be advisable.