

## Referral Surgical Services Consent Form

Patient: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Veterinary Clinic/Hospital: \_\_\_\_\_

Referring Veterinarian: \_\_\_\_\_

Surgical Procedure: TPLO Surgery

Date of Surgery: \_\_\_\_\_

Your pet will have their knee stabilised using a tibial plateau levelling osteotomy (TPLO). The bone is fractured and reset in a different position. The fracture is then stabilised using an orthopaedic bone plate and screws.

There are possible complications associated with all surgical procedures, Possible communications associated with a TPLO are outlined below. If you have any concerns regarding this procedure it is advised that you have a consultation with the specialist surgeon prior to surgery.

**Estimated success rate of this procedure: 90%**

**Persistent Lameness or Recurrence of Lameness: 10%**

### **Swelling/Bruising**

Bruising following the surgery will occur in all cases. This is normal and in most cases will resolve without intervention

### **Infection: 5-10%**

Infection is possible anytime that the skin is cut. Infection rates increase markedly if animals are allowed to lick at their incisions. Infections cause cartilage breakdown and cannot be cured until implants are removed.

### **Meniscal Injury (pre and post-surgery) 20%**

Meniscal injury may occur prior to the surgery or at a later date after the surgery.

### **Wound Breakdown: Less than 2 %**

There is potential for wound breakdown with any surgical procedure. The wound breakdown rate is markedly increased if animals are allowed to lick at their incisions.

### **Major Haemorrhage: 5%**

Major bleeding is rare and may occur if a branch of the cranial tibial artery is transected.



**Delayed Union/Malunion/Nonunion:** Less than 5%

**Implant Failure:** Less than 5%

**Death under General Anaesthetic:** Rare

All anaesthetic's pose some risk including patient fatality in rare cases. The anaesthetic will be managed by your regular veterinarian and they will discuss possible risks with you prior to surgery.

**Other possible complications include Patellar tendonitis and pivot shift (which involves altered biomechanics in the leg).**

Please follow all post -operative instructions carefully to minimise the risk of occurrence of complications.

I have read this document and understand the risks involved with this surgical procedure.

I am satisfied with the information provided to me from the specialist surgeon from Vet 24.

I give the specialist surgeon consent to perform the surgical procedure listed above on my pet.

Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Clinic Representative Signature: \_\_\_\_\_