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BRONCHOSCOPY PROCEDURE INFORMED CONSENT

I, _____ the owner of the pet named _____ understand that my
(Owner's name-please print) (Patient's name-please print)

family veterinarian who is managing the care of my pet has recommended a diagnostic procedure called **Bronchoscopy** for the purpose of examination of my pet's airway (trachea, bronchi, and smaller airways in the lungs) as well as a **Bronchoalveolar Lavage** (wash of the lower airways with sterile saline) for purpose of retrieval of cellular and fluid samples from the lungs in order to try to obtain a diagnosis for my pet's airway disease. These samples will be sent to a laboratory for analysis.

Bronchoscopy procedures in dogs and cats are one of the most useful diagnostic techniques to attempt to achieve a diagnosis in animals with airway or lung disease. Without this procedure a diagnosis simply cannot be achieved in some patients and without a diagnosis proper treatment of the underlying medical condition may be impossible. Bronchoscopy is a procedure requiring a full general anesthetic but not every patient with airway disease is stable enough to safely undergo an bronchoscopy. While very useful diagnostically, patient selection for bronchoscopy is very important and it is a procedure that should not be undertaken without careful consideration of the risks vs benefits for each patient as significant complications are possible during or after the procedure.

Please read and initial that you understand each statement and that your family veterinarian has discussed each of these points with you before we proceed with the requested diagnostic procedure to try to help your pet.

1. My veterinarian has discussed with me and explained the reasons why he/she feels the planned diagnostic procedure is indicated to try to help diagnose my pet's condition and has discussed that the benefits of this diagnostic procedure are considered to hopefully outweigh any risks to my pet's health. _____
(owner initial)
2. My veterinarian has explained to me that my pet will be sedated and undergo a general anesthetic which will be monitored by my family veterinarian and his/her team of trained veterinary nursing staff while a veterinary specialist performs the procedure. My veterinarian has informed me of the risks of general anesthesia which are generally very low, but in rare cases can be life-threatening (cardiopulmonary arrest), and very rarely can include the development of an esophageal stricture post anesthesia from reflux of gastric acid. My veterinarian has also informed me of the risks of the bronchoscopy procedure to be undertaken which could include worsening of the original symptoms of coughing or worsening of airway obstruction in patients with tracheal/bronchial collapse. In very rare cases unexpected bleeding or development of a pneumothorax (air in the chest cavity) necessitating additional advanced emergency care could occur as a complication of this procedure. The specialist will decline to perform the procedure if she feels that it is not in your pet's best interest. I understand that the expected benefit of the bronchoscopy procedure to be undertaken is considered to outweigh any risk of complications. _____
(owner initial)
3. I understand that a board certified Small Animal Veterinary Internal Medicine Specialist (Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine) will be performing the bronchoscopy procedure and will provide my family veterinarian a verbal and written report of the findings which my veterinarian will discuss with me. Should you and your veterinarian choose, a follow-up in-person appointment OR tele-consult can be arranged with the specialist to help interpret laboratory test results and to provide further advice regarding the medical care of your pet. There is an added fee for this follow-up consultation should it be requested and undertaken at a later date. _____
(owner initial)
4. I understand that there is no guarantee that a diagnosis will be made even if the bronchoscopy and bronchoalveolar lavage is performed successfully as that is the nature of medical diagnostic tests and procedures. I understand that my veterinarian has recommended the planned procedure in consultation with the specialist in good faith that the procedure will help my pet's condition/further a diagnosis for my pet. _____
(owner initial)
5. I understand that after the procedure has been performed my pet will remain in the care of my family veterinarian and their nursing team and not the care of the specialist performing the procedure unless otherwise agreed upon.

I have read and fully understand all the above statements. On the basis of this information, and the discussion my veterinarian has had with me I consent to have the Bronchoscopy and Bronchoalveolar lavage performed on my pet as recommended by my veterinarian.

Owner/Legal Guardian/Agent for owner Signature

Date: Month/Day/Year

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