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Out-Patient Ultrasound Authorization Form

(This form should be completed prior to the ultrasound.)

Clinic: _____ Referring DVM: _____

Client Name: _____ Patient Name: _____

Species: _____ Breed: _____ Age: _____ Sex: _____ Weight: _____ kg

Client Phone(s): _____

Your pet is having an ultrasound examination today which has been requested by your family veterinarian. The ultrasound examination will be done to look for any abnormalities in your pet. Typically, your pet will be taken to have the ultrasound examination while you wait. Occasionally, you may be asked to leave your pet for a longer period of time.

When abnormalities are seen on the ultrasound examination (examples include enlarged lymph nodes and tumors), then an aspirate or biopsy of that abnormality may be taken. An aspirate or biopsy is when a small sample of the abnormality is taken with a needle. Occasionally, sedation (not general anesthesia) is necessary in order to complete the examination or acquire samples (aspirates/biopsies). Aspirates will only be performed with your and your family veterinarian's approval.

Any medical procedure can have complications. Complications of ultrasound examinations, sedation, aspirates, and/or biopsies are very rare. Possible complications of fine-needle aspirates and biopsies include bleeding and infection. Examples of risks of sedation, if necessary, include hypotension and drug reaction. Some medical conditions/diseases may put your pet at risk for complications if they need to be sedated. Examples of such conditions include: heart, kidney or liver disease, neurologic conditions that can cause seizures, certain types of cancer, pancreatitis, anemia and excessively high or low blood pressure, among others. If you have concerns regarding the above risks, please discuss with your family veterinarian.

Please affirm below that you understand the procedures to be done and the possible risks and complications (see below).

I give consent for the procedure and I am aware of the following:

- Sedation or anesthesia may be necessary and involves associated risks
- Obtaining aspirates/biopsies involves risks to your pet despite normal coagulation test results
- Your pet will be clipped (shaved) for the procedure
- As with all diagnostic procedures, ultrasound and cytologies may not always provide a diagnosis
- All communication will be through your family veterinarian.

Following the procedure today, please contact your family veterinarian to discuss the results and plan.

Client Signature: _____ Date: _____