



## Procedure Consent Form

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

Pet Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Veterinarian/Clinic: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Ultrasonography is a non-invasive technique to image organs within the abdomen or chest. Your veterinarian will shave the area on the pet in order to allow adequate imaging. Minor irritation may occur to the skin as a consequence. Hair regrowth generally takes multiple weeks to occur, but can be more prolonged in certain pets.

Fine-needle aspiration is a procedure involving placement of a needle using ultrasound guidance into an organ or mass. A sample is drawn into the needle and placed on a slide for evaluation. This procedure is often recommended if an abnormality is identified on ultrasound. Some problems are easily diagnosed via fine needle aspiration but others may not yield an answer via this technique. Fine needle aspiration is generally a safe procedure, but there is a small risk of significant bleeding from the organ or mass targeted. In the rare instance that significant bleeding occurs, intervention may be required.

Sedation is rarely needed to perform ultrasound and fine needle aspirate procedures. If required, your regular veterinarian will perform sedation with your consent.

An internal medicine consultation involves a physical examination of your pet, as well as an evaluation of any laboratory work and imaging that has been previously performed to help determine the best course of action to diagnose or treat your pet. Depending on the result of the consultation, an ultrasound or other diagnostics may be recommended.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, acknowledge that I am the owner or authorized agent of the pet named above. I acknowledge that I have read and understand the procedures and associated risks discussed above.

### **Please *initial* below to indicate your consent:**

\_\_\_\_\_ I consent to have an ultrasound performed on my pet by Dr. Herring, if warranted.

\_\_\_\_\_ I consent to have fine needle aspirations performed on my pet if indicated by the results of the ultrasound. (If initially declined, a repeat visit can be scheduled for fine-needle aspiration but at additional cost).

\_\_\_\_\_ I consent to the administration of sedation to my pet, if necessary. I understand that sedation will be administered by my regular veterinarian. (If initially declined, procedures may not be able to be performed at this time).