



## Abdominal Exploratory Release Form

Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Patient: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Patient age: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex (circle): Male Female Altered: Y N

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

Surgery to be performed: Abdominal exploratory

\_\_\_\_\_ This document acknowledges that I have been informed that my pet is suspected to have a \_\_\_\_\_. I have been informed of the treatment options, including surgery.

\_\_\_\_\_ I elect and consent for an exploratory laparotomy and any associated abdominal surgical procedures (such as intestinal surgery, cystotomy, liver lobectomy, splenectomy, GI biopsies, etc) to be performed on my pet by Dr Joshua Bruce, DACVS-SA.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand the risks associated with this procedure that include anesthetic risk, Life threatening hemorrhage that may require blood transfusions/transfer to an ICU, infection, heart arrhythmias, peritonitis, Disseminated Intravascular Coagulation (forming tiny clots in all of the blood vessels - often fatal), finding cancer that may or may not be treatable, a negative exploratory (finding no major cause for the clinical signs), & potentially death.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that successful outcomes require proper home care and restrictions. I understand that guarantees are not being made for outcome.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that my pet may be administered Nocita (local anesthetic lasting up to 72 hours) for additional pain control. There are very few complications associated with the use of Nocita, however, the risk of complications is not zero. Dr. Bruce has used Nocita in a variety of types of cases without ill-effect, however, its use in dogs for any procedures besides a TPLO procedure or cats with declaws is extralabel at this time.

\_\_\_\_\_ I consent for photographs and videos to be obtained of my pet for use by KVS for case presentations, monitoring, and/or website or social media. **CIRCLE ONE: YES NO**

I hereby grant permission for my pet to undergo exploratory surgery by Dr Joshua Bruce.

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Client's signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Client's phone number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ Temp: \_\_\_\_\_ HR: \_\_\_\_\_ RR: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_