

THE ECONOMIC VETERINARY INITIATIVE STANDARD CONSENT FORM

I am the owner or agent for the listed animal(s), am 18 years of age or older, and have the authority to execute this consent document.

I being lawfully authorized to make decisions on behalf of the animal named/described (the "Animal"), hereby request & authorize The Economic Veterinary Initiative (also may be referred to as EVI), including its affiliates & each of their employees, volunteers, veterinarians and/or other agents, as appropriate & in accordance with applicable law, to receive, prescribe for, treat and/or administer rabies vaccinations, if deemed necessary, & any other vaccinations and/or services I have selected, and/or perform an operation for sexual sterilization of the Animal.

I understand that it takes up to two (2) weeks for vaccinations to protect the Animal & I [client must initial one of the following options. I certify that the Animal has been vaccinated within one (1) year prior to this date or waive my right to protect the Animal by having it vaccinated at least two weeks prior to surgery or request recommended vaccinations at the time of surgery, as selected, with the knowledge that the Animal will still not be protected. I understand the inherent risks of failing to maintain current vaccinations & waive all claims arising out of, or connected with, any illnesses contracted post-surgery, including, but not limited to upper respiratory infections, incision infections, or injuries resulting from fights with other animals. I am responsible for treatment at my own cost. I certify that the Animal has not bitten anyone in the last ten (10) days.

I understand if I cannot show that my animal is current on required vaccinations, this service will be provided upon hospitalization and added to the cost of the procedure as necessary. I also understand if my animal shows signs of fleas, it will be treated and the cost will be added to that of the listed procedures.

I understand that a pre-surgery exam will be performed on the Animal when possible, but that there are times, in the attending veterinarian's sole discretion, when such an exam may only be performed after the Animal has already been sedated or anesthetized. I understand that the Animal will not receive pre-operative bloodwork. If I choose for the Animal to have such bloodwork, I understand that it must be performed at a full-service veterinary clinic.

I understand that some factors significantly increase surgical risk, including, but not limited to, pregnancy, heat, & diseases such as feline immunodeficiency virus ("FIV"), feline leukemia virus ("FeLV"), & heartworms. I understand that these factors are not detectable by a physical exam alone. I understand that if the Animal is an acceptable surgical and/or vaccination candidate, sterilization procedures and/or vaccinations will be performed regardless of the Animal's gender and/or medical condition, including but not limited to, pregnancy. I understand if the Animal is pregnant, the pregnancy will be terminated at surgery.

If an unforeseen event/emergency situation occurs or a medical condition is discovered that requires urgent medical treatment, I consent that the attending veterinarian may perform such treatment, or transport the Animal to another veterinarian for the provision of such treatment at my expense, without seeking additional authorization or consent from me. I understand that my further consent will be required for non-emergency treatment EXCEPT in cases where the Animal has an open umbilical hernia, which may be repaired at the time of surgery at an additional charge of \$15 without my further consent.

I understand that The Economic Veterinary Initiative and any affiliated parties have the right to refuse any service &/or procedure to any animal for any reason, including, but not limited to, situations where surgery is deemed a health risk. Such refusal is at the sole discretion of the attending veterinarian.

I understand that the surgical operation I have elected (if applicable) presents some hazards, and that injury to, post-operative infection in, or death of, the Animal may conceivably result, for there is some inherent risk in the procedure & in the use of anesthetics & drugs provided for the procedure, as well as in any vaccines used. I understand that general anesthesia will be administered to the Animal for surgery. I understand & accept these risks to the Animal. I have been advised as to the nature of the procedures or operations and the risks involved. I have reviewed the anesthetic and vaccine risks on the last page of this document. I realize that results of my selected procedures/operations cannot be guaranteed. I also

understand that during the procedure(s), unforeseen conditions may be revealed that necessitate an extension of the procedure or an additional procedure to be performed. I authorize the performance of such procedures as are necessary in the exercise of the veterinarian's professional judgment.

I agree that The Economic Veterinary Initiative and Affiliated Parties may take, or permit others to take, photographs or video of my animal while at The Economic Veterinary Initiative and that EVI and Affiliated Parties may use or authorize the use of the photographs or video of my animal in any way it deems appropriate to support EVI's mission, including fundraising purposes.

I understand that I am required to pay a NONREFUNDABLE \$10 deposit that will be applied to my total bill upon arrival for my listed procedures. I understand that this \$10 will not be refunded if I fail to arrive for my scheduled appointment. I understand that payment is due at the time I drop of my pet and any additional charges or refunds will be applied to my credit card on file. I understand that I MUST have a VALID credit card on file with the facility.

I understand that Surgery drop off is between 9am and 5pm THE DAY BEFORE SURGERY IS SCHEDULED. I understand that I MUST have a VALID credit card on file with the facility even if I pay in cash. I understand that Payment is due at time of drop off and that if I am incorrect about the sex of my pet, I will be charged/refunded as applicable.

I understand that Surgery pick-up is between 9am and 5pm THE DAY AFTER SURGERY IS PERFORMED. I understand that I will be charged \$15 per night for boarding if I do not pick up my animal at my appointed time after surgery. This will continue for a total of 10 nights; at which time I will be notified of animal abandonment, a report will be made with animal control, and the animal will be dealt with as seen fit by EVI staff which includes, but is not limited to the possibility that it will be turned over to a county municipal shelter or returned to the property I have on file. I understand that animal DOES NOT become a ward or resident of The Ohio Pet Sanctuary if I abandon it.

I assume financial responsibility for all services rendered. Payment is due at the time of drop-off of my pet by cash or credit card unless other arrangements have been made with the manager or owner.

I HEREBY WARRANT THAT I (A) AM AT LEAST EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS OF AGE & THE AGE OF MAJORITY IN THE STATE IN WHICH I RESIDE, (B) HAVE READ THIS AGREEMENT CAREFULLY PRIOR TO ITS EXECUTION, (C) FULLY UNDERSTAND THE CONTENTS OF THIS AGREEMENT, (D) REALIZE THIS AGREEMENT IS AN ENFORCEABLE LEGAL DOCUMENT BETWEEN MYSELF AND THE ECONOMIC VETERINARY INITIATIVE AND (E) VOLUNTARILY SIGN THIS AGREEMENT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

Additional terms and risk explanation

The Economic Veterinary Initiative uses qualified individuals & approved medical grade materials for all procedures performed. It is important for you to understand that the risk of injury or death, although extremely low, is always present, just as it is for humans who undergo surgery.

- I understand that the Animal will remain at The Economic Veterinary Initiative overnight for recovery. I understand that EVI is not staffed overnight & that the Animal may be unattended during this time. In the event that the Animal requires care or further medical attention beyond that provided by EVI during recovery, or if a mechanical failure or other issue renders the EVI clinic unable to safely treat the Animal, I agree that EVI and/or any EVI affiliated Party may, in its sole discretion, transfer the Animal to a veterinary hospital selected in its sole discretion to conduct treatment and/or provide overnight care. In the very rare event of a sudden death, I give consent for a necropsy to be performed at no charge to determine the cause of death.

- I understand that it is my responsibility to provide recovery space that is clean, indoors, warm, & dry. I will provide proper post surgery monitoring & care for the Animal, including but not limited to, the care described in the Post-Operative Instructions. If I suspect the Animal has any post operative complications, I agree to follow the Post-Operative Instructions that have been provided to me.

- I understand that if the Animal is infested with fleas, EVI may, in its sole discretion, administer a flea product (including but not limited to Capstar® or Selamectin), to the Animal. I agree to pay the \$5 cost for this treatment

- I understand & agree that the EVI and EVI Affiliated Parties (collectively, the “Released Parties”) shall not be liable to or held responsible by me in any matter whatsoever for, or in connection with, the procedure(s) to be performed on the Animal and/or any vaccinations to be given to the Animal, and I hereby hold the Released Parties harmless from and against any and all liability and damages that may arise. I will take full responsibility, financial and otherwise, if the Animal becomes ill. I hereby agree to indemnify & hold the Released Parties harmless for any damages caused during the transportation of the Animal. The Released Parties shall not be held liable for any damages caused by any unforeseeable events including fire, vandalism, burglary, extreme weather, natural disasters, or acts of God

Post-Operative Instructions: Spay/neuter

Food and water: We recommend small amounts of food and water after surgery. Nausea is not an uncommon side effect from the anesthesia so do not be surprised if vomiting occurs. This should resolve within 24-48 hours after surgery.

Eliminations: It is normal for a pet not to have a bowel movement or to have loose stools for 24-36 hours after surgery.

Exercise and activity: We recommend keeping cats confined to a small room or even cage (especially females) for 7-14 days after surgery to allow the incision time to heal.

Sutures: -If your pet was spayed (female), the incision should be checked daily for discharge, abnormal odor, redness, or swelling. Some small amount of swelling is typically normal. Sutures are dissolvable and will not need to be removed, however, you must keep the cat from chewing open her incision. If you notice any abnormalities, seek attention from your primary care veterinarian or an emergency facility. If your cat was neutered (male), there are no sutures involved with this procedure, but your cat should be checked daily for discharge or infection.

Behavior: Testosterone may be responsible for behavior problems, such as spraying or aggression. Behavior modifications can take up to four to six weeks. Neutering may not eliminate these behavior problems.