

## Mobile Pet Dentistry P/L

### CLIENT CONSENT TO PERFORM DENTAL SURGERY

Please carefully read the following consent form, and if you understand the document, please sign the document on the last page. If you have any queries, please email us at

[info@mobilepetdentistry.com.au](mailto:info@mobilepetdentistry.com.au)

Also note, you may need to be contacted by telephone during your pet's surgery, to discuss any other findings that may affect your pet's procedure and subsequent outcome.

#### **Potential complications that may arise from dental surgery**

Although the risk of complications is low, there are potential complications that you need to be aware of with your pet's surgery. It is important that you read and understand these potential complications before giving consent for surgery to be performed on your beloved pet. Queries can also be directed to our email address listed above.

#### *General Anaesthesia*

There is always a small risk of minor to major complications occurring with any anaesthetic procedure. Your primary veterinarian is responsible for the general anaesthesia of your pet and if you have any concerns or queries, please direct your concerns to your primary veterinarian.

#### *Infection/wound breakdown*

Wound infections can occur with any dental surgery, but they are not common and usually can be managed with antibiotics. However, some infections may necessitate further surgery or removal of a prosthesis such as a bone plate for jaw fracture repair. Wound breakdown can occur and is usually managed with supportive therapy such as antibiotics and/or wound flushing. Sometimes, a second surgery may be necessary to redress the wound.

#### *Haemorrhage (bleeding)*

This is uncommon with most dental procedures and usually can be managed at the time of surgery. However, if bleeding is excessive, other treatments such as intravenous fluids or rarely a blood transfusion may be required.

#### *Nerve damage*

Some dental surgeries require us to operate close to nerves. However, nerve damage is not a common event, and, in most cases, nerve function will return over a few weeks.

#### *Swelling*

Some swelling can occur following any dental surgery, but normally this will resolve within a few days. Severe swelling following dental surgery is not common but needs to be addressed immediately.

#### *Persistence of preoperative symptoms*

Despite performing dental surgery to improve your pet's quality of life, not every surgery will successfully resolve all your pet's symptoms. It is important that you contact us if you are worried about your pet's progress following dental surgery.

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*Failure of bone to heal*

Jaw fractures can take several months to completely heal. Sometimes, especially in older dogs and cats with significant gum disease, jaw fractures may not heal (delayed or non-union). This may require another surgery including the possible need for a bone graft.

*More advanced dental procedures such as root canal therapy, vital pulp therapy or orthodontic therapy*

More advanced dental procedures do carry more risk of failure. It is important that following more advanced procedures, there is continued monitoring of the procedure(s) to assess the success of the procedure. This may involve regular reviews by your primary veterinarian or by us.

**Date of proposed dental surgery:** .....

**Patient's name:** .....

**Owner's name:** .....

**Owner's contact telephone/mobile number on day of procedure:** .....

**Primary Veterinary Clinic:** .....

**Primary Veterinarian:** .....

**Proposed dental procedure(s):**

1. ....

2. ....

3. ....

4. ....

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I have read the three (3) pages of this document and understand the risks listed above that can be associated with any dental procedure. I have also read the post-operative homecare notes specific to my pet’s surgery and I am aware of the need to follow any after-care recommendations for an optimum outcome. I am satisfied with the information provided to me and I give consent for the listed procedure(s), set out below, to be performed on my pet by a registered veterinary surgeon.

I also agree (Yes/No response below) that if I cannot be contacted during my pet’s procedure, that I authorise the veterinary surgeon to perform any other procedure, as determined by the veterinary surgeon, to offer the best possible dental outcome for my pet.

YES, I authorise the veterinary surgeon to perform any other dental procedure

NO, I do not authorise the veterinary surgeon to perform any other dental procedure

(please tick the relevant box)

**Date:** .....

**Client’s signature:** .....

**Client’s name (please print):** .....

Please tick this box if you do not consent or allow Mobile Pet Dentistry P/L to use photographs and videos of my pet on social media such as Facebook, Instagram, or for teaching purposes.

**Representative of the Primary Veterinary Clinic**

**Representative’s signature:** .....

**Representative’s name (please print):** .....

**Representative of Mobile Pet Dentistry P/L (MPD)**

**MPD Signature:** .....

**Name (please print):** .....

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