

*Gateway Animal Hospital*  
*Feline Declaw / Elective Surgery Consent Form*

Client's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Pet's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Front Declaw YES / NO Rear Declaw\* YES / NO SPAY YES / NO NEUTER YES / NO**

\*If would like to have all four paws declawed, you must have a consult with a doctor before surgery.

Like you, our greatest concern is the wellbeing of your cat. Our doctors and staff are professionally skilled and trained to provide the absolute best care for your cat and utilize the newest technology available. Declawing (onychectomy) consists of surgical removal of the entire nail and nail bed of the front and/or rear claws of a cat under general anesthesia. There are a few options available that you may choose in addition to your cat's surgical procedure. Below we have listed what will be included in today's surgical procedure.

The control of pain is a very important aspect of the surgical procedure. Our goal is to minimize the inherent discomfort associated with all surgical procedures. Our declaw patients will receive *pre-surgical pain medication* before anesthesia. After induction, a *nerve block* will be performed on all paws undergoing the procedure. Our doctors will use a *CO2 laser* to remove the nails. This laser replaces a normal surgical scalpel blade and results in less surgical bleeding, less tissue swelling and reduced post-op pain. Incision sites are closed using *surgical skin adhesive*. Sometimes a light pressure bandage will be applied to the paws. During the recovery period, our surgery technician will clean your cat's ears and trim any nails that are not being removed.

**Medications and products that are included in your package:**

- Your cat will receive an **NSAID** (Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug). This will either be in the form of an injection that is given post-surgical or an oral tablet that will be sent home.
- Depending on the weight, age and discomfort level, **additional pain control** may be given in the form of an oral tablet or transdermal gel.
  - If you are **unable to give your cat a pill**, please initial here to request all injectable and/or transdermal medications. There may be additional charges added to your estimate. \_\_\_\_\_
- Convenia, an **antibiotic injection**, will be given during the recovery period. This antibiotic will last the duration of your cat's recovery period. *If your cat has any post-surgical complications, the doctor may add an additional injection or prescribe an oral medication.*
- A bag of **Yesterday's News**, a recycled newspaper litter, will be sent home with you today. You must replace your normal granular or scoopable litter with a substrate that will not adhere to the surgical sites. This will cause an infection or delay the healing process. You may purchase more from us or from your local pet supply store. Feline Pine is an appropriate alternative to Yesterday's News.
- An **e-collar** will be fit and placed on your cat to prevent licking or chewing the surgical sites.

### Additional options

**Blood testing:** An in-house blood test is advised on all patients prior to anesthesia. Disorders of the liver or kidneys can only be detected through blood testing. Since most anesthetics are metabolized by the liver or kidneys, a disease in one of these organs can increase the risk associated with anesthesia.

**YES / NO** I would like to have **pre-op blood work** for an additional **\$49.50**.

**IV Catheter:** An intravenous catheter is advised for all anesthetized patients. Catheter placement allows for the immediate administration of any necessary drugs in the event of an emergency.

**YES / NO** I would like to have an **IV catheter** placed for an additional **\$45.00**

**YES / NO / N/A** I would like for the doctor to proceed with spaying (if applicable) if my cat is pregnant. Please be aware that if we do not proceed with surgery, you will be responsible for anesthesia, laser and post-op recovery costs.

**YES / NO** I would like to have a **Home Again microchip implant** for **\$69.00**.

**YES / NO** I would like for my cat to have a **bath** before surgery for an additional **\$27.00**.

**Emergency CPR:** In the event of a life-threatening situation, we will perform external **cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR)**. This includes life-saving emergency drugs, IV catheter placement, oxygen therapy, fluid therapy, resuscitation and any other procedures necessary to revive your pet.

Please initial here if you **DO** want to have **CPR** administered to your cat and you understand that there will be additional emergency procedure charges added to your invoice. \_\_\_\_\_

If you **DO NOT** want to have these life-saving procedures performed, your cat will be listed as **DNR (Do Not Resuscitate)**. Please initial here if you **DO NOT** want **CPR** administered.  
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I give my permission to Gateway Animal Hospital to perform the above procedures and treatments.

I have read and understand this document fully to my ability. I understand the procedure to be performed on my cat and have no further questions at this time. I acknowledge there may be concealed health risks to my cat and release Gateway Animal Hospital from any unforeseen complications arising from anesthesia/surgery. I will be available at the phone numbers listed below at all times during the day of the procedure. If the doctor cannot reach either me or my emergency contact by phone, I agree to allow any treatment deemed medically necessary for the health of my cat.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Dated \_\_\_\_\_

1<sup>st</sup> contact # \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> contact # \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency contact** – this person is allowed to make financial and medical decisions for you if you are unable to be reached.

Contact name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_