

## Caesarian Section (C-section)

Please read the pre-operative information sheets for cats and dogs

Please read this form carefully in conjunction with the consent form you will shortly be asked to sign. This is designed to give you (the owner) as much information as possible for the procedure you have elected. Every surgical procedure that is undertaken carries associated risks and complications. Although rare, we want you to be fully informed before you proceed.

Please read the following list of complications that can result from this procedure or due to the nature of the injury. Please ask a member of staff if you have any questions or concerns. This list is not exhaustive. Should a complication arise, owners are liable for the costs associated with the complication.

1. Haemorrhage (bleeding) both during and after the procedure
2. Wound break down partial or complete
3. Wound infection
4. Bruising and swelling
5. Seroma (pocket of fluid)
6. Damage to other structures such as nerves, ligaments and tendons
7. Pain
8. Suture site reaction
9. Wound breakdown of the uterus (womb)
10. Peritonitis (infection in the abdomen)
11. We may have to, in an emergency situation, perform an ovariohysterectomy (spay) if there is damage, necrosis or severe bleeding to the uterus (womb) and this is deemed in the best interest of the animal.
12. Risk of injury on recovery post-operatively
13. Anaesthetic complication including death
14. General anaesthesia requires intubation which has a recognised risk of inadvertent tracheal tear
15. It may be necessary to perform an emergency spay (removal of ovaries and uterus).

Please be assured that we take every precaution to minimise these risks to your pet.

