

ULTRASOUND GUIDED BIOPSY RELEASE FORM

BERKS VETERINARY ULTRASOUND

Pet's Name: _____ **Owner's Name:** _____

1. I give permission to have an ultrasound guided biopsy performed on my pet.
2. I acknowledge that I have been encouraged to ask questions about the risks of and potential complications from an ultrasound guided biopsy, have had those questions answered to my satisfaction, and believe I have all the information I need to make an informed decision regarding this procedure. I understand that complications such as internal bleeding, infection, and with certain biopsies in the chest or liver area, a punctured lung can occur. I understand that these complications can be serious or even life threatening, and I agree to be financially responsible for any complications that may arise.
3. I understand that although an ultrasound guided biopsy is an excellent diagnostic tool for many problems, not all problems can be diagnosed with a biopsy. I further understand that in some cases a definite diagnosis cannot be made. Accordingly, I acknowledge that there is no guarantee that my pet's problem will be diagnosed by means of an ultrasound guided biopsy.
4. I give permission to administer a sedative and/or pain medication to my pet (certain biopsies require general anesthesia—your doctor will discuss this if it is necessary). I understand that in very rare situations sedation, pain medication, or general anesthesia can cause serious side effects, some of which can be life threatening.
5. I understand that depending on the patient and their condition, there is usually very little pain and very little stress associated with an ultrasound guided biopsy. Some patients may, however, be more sensitive or find this to be more stressful than others. I understand that with certain medical conditions, some of which may not show up on any tests or examination, serious complications may arise, which in very rare situations can be life threatening.
6. I understand that my pet must have hair shaved to perform an ultrasound guided biopsy. If an abdominal organ or mass is being biopsied, the abdomen and sides will be shaved; if a thoracic organ or mass is being biopsied, one or both sides of the chest will be shaved; and any other site biopsied will have the corresponding area over it shaved. I understand that the hair shaved, in rare cases, can grow back a slight to moderately different color.

7. I HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS BERKS VETERINARY ULTRASOUND, LLC AND DR. JASON TOMES FROM ANY RESPONSIBILITY OR LIABILITY ARISING FROM THE RISKS IDENTIFIED IN PARAGRAPHS 2, 4, 5 AND 6 ABOVE.

My pet has has not (please check) had, had a diagnosis of, or been suspected of having a seizure or epilepsy.

Signature of owner/owner's agent: _____ **Date:** _____

Phone numbers where I can be reached today:

Please list below all medications and herbs your pet is currently taking (include doses and frequency).