



Laser Therapy Consent

Client Name: _____

Client ID: _____

Patient Name: _____

Date: _____

Laser therapy is a safe and effective therapy that is used for the temporary relief of pain and reduction of symptoms associated with mild arthritis and muscle pain. Other effects of laser therapy include improved healing time, pain reduction, increased circulation, and decreased swelling. 80 to 90 percent of patients show positive results following the initial 6 session protocol. However, more severely affected animals may require a more intensive treatment course. To maintain these beneficial effects, most pets require an additional maintenance session every 1 to 8 weeks. Adverse effects from laser therapy are rare and temporary. Adverse effects of laser therapy may occur from multiple causes including hypersensitivity, preexisting health conditions, thermal effects, pressure from the probe, and laser over-stimulation.

The most common adverse effects are:

1. Temporary increase in pain during application of the laser.
2. Temporary increase in pain the following day after laser therapy.
3. Mild bruising from vasodilatation or direct pressure of laser tip.
4. Temporary dizziness.
5. Skin reactions when photosensitizing drugs are used with laser therapy.

I understand the risks of laser therapy and agree to the treatment program for my pet as outlined by my veterinarian.

► Owner's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Precautions

There are some medical conditions and photosensitizing medications that may require adjustments to your pet's laser treatment or prevent your pet from being an ideal candidate for laser therapy.

► **Is your pet on any medications currently?** *Please list all prescription medications, over-the-counter medications, and supplements your pet receives. Please refer to the list of photosensitizing medications.*

No. Yes. _____

► **Does your pet have any major medical history or conditions you are aware of?** *For example, this may include pregnancy, pacemaker implantation, or cancer.*

No. Yes. _____

► **Would you like to be present for your pet's laser therapy treatment?** *If you are pregnant or have a pace maker, we recommend you not be present for your pet's laser therapy treatment. Infants and children under the age of 18 years are not allowed to be present during laser therapy treatments. All pets besides the pet receiving treatment must be outside of the laser treatment area, due to the risk of eye damage from reflected infrared beams.*

I wish to be present for treatments. I do not wish to be present for treatments.

► **Would you consent to have your pet's treatment area shaved?** *Laser light is absorbed by the pigment in dark hair and skin, may be scattered by the presence of hair, and may limit contact of the laser probe with the skin. Shaving the treatment site may improve therapeutic outcome.*

I consent to shaving of the treatment area. I decline to have my pet's coat shaved.



Photosensitizing medications

Antihistamines

examples include: Ceterizine (Zyrtec) Clemastine (Tavist) Meclizine (Bonine)
Hydroxazine (Atarax) Chlorpheniramine (Chlortimetron)
Loratadine (Claritin) Diphenhydramine (Benadryl)
Trimeprazine (Temaril) Cyproheptadine (Periactin)

Coal Tar and derivatives

examples include: Denorex medicated shampoo
Neutrogena T/Gel shampoo

Estrogens

examples include: Diethylstilbesterol, other estrogens

Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs

examples include: Carprofen (Rimadyl) Meloxicam (Metacam) Ibuprofen
Ketoprofen Piroxicam

Sedatives or Tranquilizers

examples include: Acetylpromazine (Acepromazine) Prochlorperazine (Compazine)
Chlorpromazine (Thorazine)

Antidiabetic medications

examples include: Glipizide

Some Diuretics ("water-pills")

examples include: Hydrochlorothiazide

Antibiotics

examples include: Sulfadiazine (Suladyne) TrimethoprimSulfa Doxycycline
Sulfadiazine (Tribrissen) Sulfasalazine (Azulfidine) Tetracycline
Sulfamethoxazole (Bactrim) Sulfadimethoxine (Albon, Primor)

Antidepressants

examples include: Amitriptyline (Elavil) Doxepin (Adapin, Sinequan)
Clomipramine (Clomicalm)