



## DENTAL EXTRACTION CONSENT FORM

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

There are several techniques used to extract teeth in horses, depending on the location of the tooth, the horse's temperament and the severity of the problem.

While these procedures are often necessary, **they are NOT WITHOUT RISK**. Complications can happen and may increase the cost and recovery time significantly.

### **PROCEDURE OPTIONS**

- Horses with mild dental issues may tolerate extractions while standing and sedated
- Horses that are nervous, aggressive or difficult to handle may require general anesthesia, which adds to both the RISK and COST of the procedure
- If your horse has a foul-smelling discharge coming from one nostril, this may indicate sinus involvement due to dental infection. In such cases, additional procedures may be necessary, including:

- **Trephination** (surgically open the sinus)
- **Endoscopic examination**
- **Sinus flushing**

These procedures add to the complexity and cost of treatment and **often extend the recovery period**.

**IMPORTANT NOTE: What may have started as a routine extraction can become longer-term medical care. Costs may double or triple the original estimate, depending on complications.**

### **RISK AND COMPLICATIONS**

Some of the more common and serious issues that may arise:

#### \* **Soft Tissue Injury:**

- Cuts inside the mouth (palate, tongue, cheeks)
- possible damage to salivary ducts which can affect saliva flow

#### \* **Bone Problems:**

- Fractures of the jaw or skull (especially during more difficult extraction)
- "Dry Socket" (delayed healing of the socket)
- Dead Bone Fragments (called **sequestra**) that may require further surgery

#### \* **Dental Complications:**

- Leftover root tips or tooth fragments can lead to infection
- Damage to neighboring teeth during the procedure

\* **Fistulas (abnormal openings):**

- Openings can form between the mouth and sinuses, nasal passages or even the skin

\* **Nerve Damage:**

- Can affect facial nerves, potentially causing:

- . Headshaking
- . Facial drooping
- . Tongue problems

\* **Infections:**

- Possible infection at the surgical site  
- Sinus infections or bone infections (osteomyelitis)

\* **Slow Healing:**

- Some horses take longer to heal which can lead to ongoing inflammation and additional care needs

***ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF UNDERSTANDING***

\* I, the undersigned, confirm that I am the legal owner or authorised agent of the horse described below. I have discussed the procedure and potential risks with the attending veterinarian and had the opportunity to ask questions. I understand the risks and agree to proceed with the recommended procedure.

\* I acknowledge that no guarantees have been made regarding the outcome of this procedure.

- Name of the owner: \_\_\_\_\_
- Name of the horse: \_\_\_\_\_
- Microchip number: \_\_\_\_\_
- Owner signature: \_\_\_\_\_
- Date: \_\_\_\_\_
- Veterinarian: \_\_\_\_\_

***EMERGENCY CONTACT AUTHORISATION***

In the event of a complication happening during the procedure, I authorise the veterinarian to administer necessary treatment to my horse and understand additional charges may apply.

Emergency Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_