



## ENDOSCOPY / GASTROSCOPY CONSENT FORM

### **PROCEDURE DESCRIPTION**

This procedure involves the passage of a digital optic instrument through the nostrils to allow the veterinary doctor to visualise the nostrils, the sinus openings, the guttural pouches, the different pharyngeal and laryngeal structures, the trachea, the carina and a part of the bronchi in case of an upper airway endoscopy. In case of a gastroscopy the interior of the esophagus, the stomach and a part of the small intestine are visualized. During a cystoscopy the aim is to look at the urethra, the bladder and the ureter openings. A rectoscopy shows the interior of the rectum and a hysteroscopy the interior of the female reproductive tract.

### **SEDATION**

Sedation may be given to minimise discomfort and to relax the horse for the procedure. The administration of sedatives also involves risks such as an allergic reaction, anaphylactic shock or in extremely rare cases it can cause death. I consent to the use of such drugs as may be considered necessary by the doctor performing the procedure. I desire all resuscitative measures be employed during the procedure if necessary.

### **RISKS AND COMPLICATIONS**

The authorisation is given with the understanding that any procedure involves some risks and hazards. The more common risks include:

#### **\* Epistaxis / Mucosal Trauma:**

The presence of hemorrhage from the nares. This can occur during placement or immediately after removing the endoscope. Most epistaxis and mucosal trauma associated with endoscopy are self-limiting and do not need specific treatment. In rare circumstances, the hemorrhage may be severe enough to require the administration of drugs promoting coagulation and/or blood transfusion.

#### **\* Equipment Damage:**

Crushing damage to the endoscope by mastication.

#### **\* Insufflation-related Complications:**

Insufflation is the directed administration of air through the endoscope to provide distension and visualisation of collapsible hollow organs. Very rarely this can result in small intestinal volvulus or rupture of a hollow viscus.

#### **\* Bleeding or Hematoma:**

Bleeding may occur when passing an ulcerative lesion with the scope.

\* **Air Embolism:**

One or more air bubbles get access to the circulatory system, causing blockage of one or more blood vessels.

\* **Perforation:**

Perforating or tearing of the wall of the esophagus, stomach, small intestine, rectum or bladder is a very rare complication but can happen in cases where there is severe damage present in the wall.

***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: \_\_\_\_\_