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**Skin Testing (allergy testing) Consent Form**

- In order to prevent your pet from becoming overly excited or frightened from the skin test procedure, which can be detrimental to both the test results and your pet, sedation is required for every patient. Since the sedative used is very mild, the test must be done in a quiet room and without owners present to avoid the need for using more sedative than would otherwise be necessary.
- An injectable sedative (DexDomitor) is administered to relax your pet and is completely reversed with another injection after the procedure is finished. The sedative is not an anesthetic; your pet will be awake and responsive throughout the entire procedure. The sedative simply relaxes the animal so s/he will lie quietly on his/her side for 30 minutes while the test is administered.
- The sedative used for skin testing is very safe and completely reversible. However, under very rare circumstances, any sedatives, even mild ones, have the potential for causing life threatening reactions. If your pet has any medical conditions, especially heart problems, please alert a staff member before the skin test procedure is undertaken.
- Hair is clipped from an area approximately 4" x 8" in the armpit region, and 60 injections are placed into the skin. The injections are natural environmental allergens and fleas, not foods, house plants or synthetic items. Please initial which side of your pet you would like to have clipped for the test:  
  
Right:\_\_\_\_\_ Left:\_\_\_\_\_ Either:\_\_\_\_\_
- While under sedation, nails are trimmed on those pets with long nails free of charge. Please indicate if you want the complimentary nail trim with your initials:  
  
Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_
- A vaccine will be custom formulated based on the results of the allergy test. Since vaccine is a custom-made product, it cannot be used for another pet. Once an order is placed for your vaccine, the sale is final. Vaccines are not exchangeable & are non refundable.
- Since it typically takes 4-6 months of allergy injections before you will see any improvement, medications must often be used during this period to keep your pet comfortable. Be aware that may be as long as 9-12 months before a vaccine response is observed. Approximately 68%-85% of pets placed on allergy shots will benefit from them. If your pet has not appreciably improved after 1 year of allergy vaccine use, the shots will not likely ever help and should be discontinued.

**I have read the above information and give my permission for allergy testing and allergy shots.**

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**Print Name**

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**Signature**

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**Date**