

## Chiropractic Informed Consent

### Chiropractic

It is important to accept the difference between the health care specialties of Chiropractic and traditional Veterinary Medicine. Chiropractic care seeks to restore health through natural means without the use of medicine or surgery but assisting the body's inherent recuperative powers. The success of this process often depends on environmental, nutritional, and underlying physical and structural conditions. It is important to understand what to expect from Chiropractic care.

### Chiropractic Exam

This entails a clinical analysis to determine the presence of any Vertebral Subluxation Complex(VCS). If and when a VSC is found a chiropractic adjustment and/or ancillary procedures may be given in an attempt to improve mobility. It is the chiropractic premise is that correct spinal movement/function allows optimal nerve transmission providing the opportunity to use inherent recuperative powers. Because of this, no doctor can promise any specific result. Results ultimately depend on the individual.

### Informed Consent

By seeking chiropractic care for your animal, you are giving Dr. Sue Thompson permission to care for your animal in accordance with the chiropractic diagnosis and analysis of the VSC. The chiropractic adjustment is usually beneficial and seldom causes any problems. In some cases, an underlying physical defect, deformity or pathology may increase the risk of injury. An adjustment will not be given if there is known reason that the treatment is contra-indicated. It is the responsibility of the owner to make known (to Dr. Thompson) or to learn through traditional veterinary health care procedures any conditions that may affect the animal's health and safety.

Communication with your primary veterinary medical provider is very important in coordinating treatment for your animal. It may be necessary to ask you to return to your regular veterinarian during the course of treatment. ***By signing below, you are giving Dr. Sue Thompson permission to release records to other professionals that you designate involved in your animals care.***

### Results

The purpose of chiropractic care is to promote better health through the correction of the VSC. There are many variables in any case that make it difficult to predict the time schedule or efficacy of chiropractic treatment. Sometimes the response is rapid, in most it is more gradual but quite satisfactory. Occasionally the results are less than expected. Two similar cases can have very different responses to treatment. There are conditions that do not respond to chiropractic care and should be managed by traditional veterinary medicine. Veterinary medicine and Chiropractic may never be exact enough to provide the answers to all problems. Both sciences working together provide the best opportunity for good results.

### To the owner/agent

Please discuss any questions or problems with Dr. Sue Thompson before signing this policy statement. I have read and understand this entire consent form.

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Signature

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Date