



Information about Surgery and General Anesthesia

Owner: _____

Horse: _____

Surgery to be performed: _____

Dear Client,

You brought your horse for a surgery to our hospital today. We appreciate the confidence you have placed in us. Certainly we will do everything to fulfill this confidence. Though in very little cases there are complications concerning general anesthesia and surgery. We would like to explain them to you.

Generally horses are at risk during general anaesthesia, especially because of their weight. During recovery there is a risk in a small number of cases that horses can fracture bones, damage nerves or muscles which cannot be healed afterwards. A thorough presurgical examination, an intensive anesthesia monitoring with modern technology as well as an intensive observation during the recovery phase minimize these risks significantly.

After surgery there is a chance especially for stressed horses, which have pain and are treated with antibiotics, to get a life threatening diarrhea (Colitis X). Monitoring on a regular basis as well as prophylactic measures should prevent this in our clinic.

Troubles with wound healing are possible since they are not living in a clean bed. Also in very small number of cases inflammation of other organs can be found (Phlebitis, Pleurisy, Laminitis, etc.). We try to minimize these complications by clean work and intensive postsurgical maintenance.

Unfortunately there is a chance of getting any kind of sickness during a clinical stay. Monitoring and checking on every horse this will be recognized and treated immediately.

The complications listed above are limited to a very small number of cases. Nevertheless we feel that it is our responsibility to explain this to you. You can be sure that we will take best care of your horse during the whole stay!

I hereby confirm with my signature that I have read this information and noticed the content.

Bargteheide, _____ Signature: _____