

Consent to Proceed with Acupuncture

Monika Jones Vet Services, PLLC

Client and Patient Information

Client's Name: _____ Patient's Name: _____ Date: _____

Certification and Authorization

I certify that I am either the owner or the authorized agent of the owner for the above-named patient, and that I am over eighteen years of age.

About Acupuncture Therapy

I understand that acupuncture can assist many animals in managing pain and recovering from medical conditions. However, I acknowledge that it may not be effective for every patient. Most conditions that respond to acupuncture will typically benefit from a series of treatments. For optimal results, it is recommended to commit to six sessions, spaced approximately 1-2 weeks apart. Additional treatments may be continued as needed. Some conditions, such as infection and cancer, are unlikely to benefit from acupuncture therapy. If my animal does not respond as expected and might benefit from other medical approaches, Dr. Jones may refer me to my regular veterinarian, a board-certified specialist, or another alternative medicine provider. I understand that Dr. Jones is not a specialist in equine diseases and surgery, and that most questions about Western medical diagnosis or treatment for my equine patient will be directed to my regular equine veterinarian.

Risks and Monitoring

Acupuncture therapy is generally considered safe but may occasionally result in minor side effects such as mild discomfort, bruising, or increased/decreased energy. In extremely rare cases and not by intention, an acupuncture needle may break in the patient or the acupuncture needle may introduce a skin infection into deeper tissues. I accept responsibility for monitoring my animal following each session and will promptly notify Dr. Jones if any unusual reactions or concerns arise. I understand that successful acupuncture depends on the practitioner's expertise, an accurate diagnosis by a referring veterinarian, and the unique health status of my animal.

Understanding Treatment Options and Methods

I recognize that acupuncture is a complementary and alternative veterinary medicine, and that conventional treatment options may also be available. Treatment may involve the use of acupuncture needles alone; needles with electrical stimulation; injection of vitamin B12 at acupuncture points; injection of the patient's own blood; or needles with moxibustion (burning a therapeutic substance).

Consent and Acknowledgement

I understand that veterinary medicine is not an exact science and no guarantees of successful treatment have been provided. I have been encouraged to discuss any questions with Dr. Jones, and they have been answered to my satisfaction. After reviewing the acupuncture care plan and cost estimate from Dr. Jones, I consent to the proposed procedures. In the absence of negligence, I agree to hold Monika Jones Vet Services, PLLC harmless for any lack of response to treatment or any adverse effects experienced by my animal.

Signature of Owner or Authorized Agent: _____ Date: _____