

## Consent to Proceed with Acupuncture

Client's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Patient's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that I am the owner or an authorized agent of the owner, for the above named pet and am over the age of eighteen. I understand that HeartFire Veterinary Acupuncture and Holistic Health Care is not a full service veterinary hospital and any routine medical and emergency care will be referred to your primary veterinarian.

I am aware that acupuncture can help many animals deal with painful situations and recover from various medical maladies but I understand that this form of therapy may not help every patient. If the history and physical exam leads to the conclusion that acupuncture is not appropriate for my pet, I understand that Dr. Kayser may discuss other diagnostic and/or treatment options. Most conditions where acupuncture is likely to help require a minimum of 3-5 initial weekly session then sessions will become further apart depending on each case's response. As a rule, the more chronic a problem, the longer the treatment may take. In many cases herbal formulations may also be recommended and herbs may take a week to 3 weeks to show improvement. Again, as a rule, the use of herbs with acupuncture will yield a greater response. Though acupuncture is considered very safe if performed by a trained professional, some animals may not respond as expected. I understand if my pet is not responding as expected, Dr. Kayser may have to alter her initial diagnostic plan including changes in herbal medication or frequency of acupuncture treatments.

I have been informed that for lameness and arthritic conditions, it is recommended that my referring veterinarian should already have taken radiographs of the affected area and supplied a copy of the report. This is essential to help rule out problems such as cancer or infection that are unlikely to respond to acupuncture therapy alone. Copies of previous blood work may also be requested to assist Dr. Kayser in treating your pet with acupuncture and herbs. If radiographs or blood work are deemed necessary by Dr. Kayser, I understand she may refer me back to my primary care veterinarian for such diagnostics.

I understand that my pet's treatment may consist of needles only, needles with electrical stimulation or needles with moxibustion (heat derived by burning herbs) or aquapuncture (injection of Vitamin B12 into acupuncture points). I accept that for the comfort and relaxation of my pet, I will leave other pets and small children at home and I will make every effort to remain calm and relaxed myself, as my emotions will affect my pet's experience. If my pet becomes fractious, Dr. Kayser may attempt to use a muzzle and proceed with treatment but if this does not calm my pet, Dr. Kayser may decide to end treatment for that session. Acupuncture will not work effectively if the patient is stressed. **(next side)**

I understand that practice of veterinary medicine and complementary veterinary medicine is not an exact science and thus, no guarantee for successful treatment has been made. I have been encouraged to discuss any questions I may have and have them answered to my satisfaction.

After presentation of a medical care plan and estimate of costs involved, I consent to acupuncture treatment by Dr. Kayser. In the absence of negligence, I agree to hold Dr. Kayser and HeartFire Veterinary Acupuncture and Holistic Health Care harmless for absence of response to treatment or any ill effects experienced by my pet. I agree to pay all costs incurred at the time of treatment unless previous arrangements have been made with Dr. Kayser.

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Signature of Owner or Authorized Agent

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Date

May HeartFire Veterinary Acupuncture use testimonials from you and pictures of you and/or your pet on its Webpage and/ or Social Media pages? Y or N

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