



CODE Consent Agreement:

In the event of a medical emergency while my pet is at Northgate Animal Hospital:

_____ I authorize Northgate Animal Hospital to perform CPR (Resuscitation) on my pet if my pet is suffering respiratory arrest or cardiac arrest. I understand that my pet may not respond initially and then suffer another arrest later. I understand that my pet may die despite life saving efforts being made. I understand that if my pet survives because of CPR, he/she may have additional medical problems as a result of CPR being performed. The estimate for initial CPR is \$300 to \$500. The estimate for the first 24 to 48 hours of veterinary care after CPR depends partially on pre-existing injury or illness and may be \$1000 to \$2000; however, costs can greatly exceed this estimate. (FULL CODE STATUS)

_____ I **DO NOT** want CPR performed on my pet. I understand that if my pet stops breathing and/or his/her heart stops beating that my pet may die unless CPR is performed. I elect to DNR (Do Not Resuscitate) orders placed on my pet's record OR I elect that the veterinary staff stop the initial attempts at CPR that may have been started while I was being informed of the condition of my pet and my options. (DNR CODE STATUS)

Animals that have been successfully resuscitated are extremely critical and unstable. The likelihood of re-arrest is high and usually occurs within 4 hours of the initial arrest. If resuscitation is successful, there is only about a 20% chance that a pet will stay alive for the first 4 hours after resuscitation. The percentage of long term survival is even lower, and may be as low as 1%, depending upon what caused the arrest. Brain damage is common due to temporary lack of oxygen to the brain, which can result in blindness and/or impaired mental function, leaving a pet with physical and/or mental disabilities. This impairment may last for days, weeks, or years.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THE INFORMATION ABOVE OR HAD IT EXPLAINED TO MY SATISFACTION.

Owner Signature: _____

Date: _____