

## **Consultancy Service Agreement**

### **1. AGREEMENT**

The purpose of this agreement is to outline the working agreement between veterinary practices (VP) and Small Animal Orthopaedics (SAO) when SAO is providing consultant surgery services to VP.

### **2. DIAGNOSIS and SCHEDULING**

2.1 Patients requiring surgery will be identified and diagnosed by VP staff.

2.2 VP will contact SAO and schedule surgery time. This will be by mutual agreement given the schedule of both VP and SAO.

2.3 SAO will provide a schedule of fees for VP. For each individual case, SAO will tell VP what the surgery service will cost at the time the surgery is scheduled.

### **3. SURGERY DAY**

3.1 VP staff will admit the patient and ask the clients to sign SAO admission paperwork.

3.2 On confirmation of the diagnosis and agreement upon a treatment plan, SAO will proceed with surgery. If SAO plans to take a different approach to the one suggested to the client by VP, then SAO will be responsible for explaining the new procedure and the reason for the change in approach.

3.3 SAO will perform the procedure and monitor until extubated;

3.4 write a surgery report for the patient's medical record;

3.5 formally hand over care of the patient to VP veterinary staff; and

3.6 provide short-term and long-term discharge instructions for VP to implement.

### **4. DISCHARGE**

4.1 VP will manage the discharge, organise and carry out follow-up appointments until recovery is complete.

### **5. COMPLICATIONS of SURGERY**

5.1 If there are complications associated with surgery then SAO will assume responsibility, which may include advice to the VP, examination of the patient, and repeat surgery if indicated.

### **6. RESPONSIBILITIES**

6.1 SAO is responsible for the surgery procedure

6.2 VP is responsible for events prior to the surgery procedure, plus all anaesthesia and supportive care of the patient during and after the surgical procedure.

6.3 VP is responsible for follow-up care, with the exception of complications attributed to surgeon's technique.

### **7. INVOICES**

7.1 SAO will bill VP the agreed service fee for the procedure.

7.2 VP will invoice the client the SAO surgery fee, plus fees for all other services provided by VP. (Radiography, anaesthesia, hospitalisation, fluid therapy, medications, dressings, bandaging etc)