

**Colonial Terrace Animal Hospital Resuscitation Directive**

Your pet has been admitted for surgery. Our staff will make every effort to prevent complications arising from your pet’s surgical procedure performed in our hospital. However, in some cases, there is a risk that your pet may experience respiratory and/or cardiac arrest while hospitalized. We encourage an open discussion of all medical information between you and our veterinary staff prior to admission. Cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) is a difficult subject for many people, but one that is very important to review. All surgical patients admitted to our hospital must sign a resuscitation directive for their pet.

We are requesting that you choose whether or not you want us to revive your pet in the unlikely event that your pet experiences respiratory and/or cardiac arrest. If a pet arrests, there is a short and critical window of opportunity to initiate CPR beyond which the success rate of cardio-pulmonary resuscitation decreases significantly. By selecting now, we will be able to initiate our efforts without delay. Once we have initiated CPR, we will contact you to make further decisions. Please choose from the following options and check the appropriate box. Should you change your mind at any point during the pet’s hospitalization, please notify our doctors so that we may follow your wishes. We will ask you to sign a new form with your revised choice.

**ATTEMPT RESUSCITATION:** This choice indicates that you authorize all efforts and procedures determined to be appropriate by the veterinarian to try to resuscitate your pet. CPR is more likely to be successful in a previously healthy, young patient. If CPR is effective, there are often problems that need to be addressed after resuscitation. CPR does not resolve any underlying diseases. It is important that you know the cost of CPR *starts at* \$100 and the total will vary depending upon your animal’s needs. This and the cost of any additional care after the CPR are in addition to your current estimate.

**DO NOT RESUSCITATE:** Every attempt will be made to prevent a cardiac and/or respiratory arrest from occurring, but if your animal arrests, no CPR will be performed. This option is always an acceptable choice based upon your beliefs and needs.

***I have read and understand the CPR options above and in the event my pet experiences respiratory and /or cardiac arrest, I authorize Colonial Terrace Animal Hospital to act according to my choice above.***

Client Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Pet Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Client Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_