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Informed Consent for Vaccination

I, \_\_\_\_\_, the undersigned owner or agent of the owner of the pet named \_\_\_\_\_ understand that recent research and publications indicate that the yearly administration of certain vaccines for all diseases **may not be necessary and may pose some health risks**. Recommendations from research teams at many universities suggest that the timing of booster vaccines can vary from one to three years depending on the age of the pet, environment, region of the country, and the specific disease the vaccine prevents. High risk pets may require more frequent boosters.

I understand that although vaccines must undergo safety trials to receive licensing in the U.S. and are considered very safe, vaccines can still cause reactions in a small number of pets. It is common for pets to experience some or all of the following mild side effects after receiving a vaccine, usually starting within hours of the vaccination. If these side effects last for more than a day or two, or cause your pet significant discomfort, it is important for you to seek veterinary care:

- Discomfort and local swelling at the vaccination site
- Mild fever
- Decreased appetite and activity
- Sneezing, mild coughing, "snotty nose" or other respiratory signs may occur 2-5 days after your pet receives an intranasal vaccine

More serious, but less common side effects, such as allergic reactions, may occur within minutes to hours after vaccination. These reactions can be life threatening and are medical emergencies. Seek veterinary care immediately if any of these signs develop:

- Persistent vomiting or diarrhea
- Itchy skin that may seem bumpy ("hives")
- Swelling of the muzzle and around the face, neck, or eyes
- Severe coughing or difficulty breathing
- Collapse

A small, firm swelling under the skin may develop at the site of a recent vaccination. It should start to disappear within a couple weeks. If it persists more than three weeks, or seems to be getting larger, you should seek veterinary care. It is recommended to always inform your veterinarian if your pet has had prior reactions to any vaccine or medication. If in doubt, wait for 30-60 minutes following vaccination before taking your pet home. I understand that because pets age rapidly and it is essential that my pet receive a physical examination yearly. I acknowledge that the annual exam allows my doctor to assess my pet's current health status and administer the appropriate booster vaccines for my pet. I have been encouraged to ask questions about the risks of complications from and changes in vaccine protocols, have had those questions answered to my satisfaction, and choose one of the following options:

1. I elect that the vaccine booster schedule for my pet be **customized to fit his/her needs based on age, health, breed, and exposure to disease** as suggested by my pet's doctor. I agree to hold Dr Todd McCoy, his associates, and employees harmless in the event such effort to reduce the frequency and minimize known complications of vaccinations inadvertently increases my pet's risks of disease and results in fees related to treating any of the diseases for which a vaccine was not administered.

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Signature of Owner or Agent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

2. I elect to **decline the recommended vaccine booster schedule** for my pet. I agree to hold Dr Todd McCoy, his associates, and employees harmless in the event such effort increases my pet's risk of disease and results in fees related to treating any of the diseases for which a vaccine was not administered.

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Signature of Owner or Agent

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Date

(This consent will be valid for the lifetime of the pet unless revoked in writing by the owner or agent)