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Terms and Agreements for Reproductive Services

I feel that before I can enter into a relationship with a potential breeder, that we both should have a full understanding of the requirements of each side. I have always had an interest in reproductive medicine, and took two optional rotations in Theriogenology (the study of reproduction) while doing clinics at NCSU College of Medicine. Since then, I have done a small amount of services while working at other hospitals, but have not had the freedom to expand my expertise until I opened my own hospital in January 2004. I attend the Society for Theriogenology meetings and also receive their proceedings annually. I have all the necessary, up-to-date equipment, with the exception of an ultrasound and the ability to freeze and store semen. Otherwise, you can be assured that I have the supplies needed and that I do have the knowledge and skill to take care of your pet. I have set a high standard for myself (and my staff) in ALL areas of veterinary medicine and surgery that I do.

1. I will not do any reproductive services on any pet without a full examination, performed by myself, together with proof of history of vaccinations, heartworm prevention, and any major illnesses. This includes collection of semen and/or blood if necessary. The owner will be responsible for the exam and labwork fees. I have a brochure with all my prices outlined, and I will be happy to give you an estimate first. Have you considered negative outcomes (bottle-feeding pups, mastitis, metritis, etc.)? You MUST.

2. The owner understands that I do not guarantee any outcome from my services, and that I am assisting you in the reproductive process. Also, the owner is responsible for any charges incurred, regardless of the outcome.

3. I would prefer to deal with yourself, the owner first and foremost, and any other veterinarian second. The person in which I have a veterinary/client/patient relationship is responsible for any fees, and will be the only person that I will give any information to.

4. I will be on-call for after-hour needs, such as Caesarian sections, only if I have been involved in the breeding. Also, I will not perform a C-section without two trained technicians to assist me. Therefore, it is more costly, and harder to organize quickly. I prefer planned C-sections because they have a much higher favorable outcome, and your pet will be better monitored during the daytime after the procedure.

5. It is your responsibility to find out what the requirements for the breeding are ahead of time: brucellosis titers, microchipping, vaginal culture, OFA radiographs, etc. I highly recommend brucellosis testing the bitch before breeding with any stud (give yourself 3-4 days for results.)

6. Lastly, I understand that the end result for everyone is healthy puppies, a healthy bitch or stud, and a maximum litter size. I want to help you achieve each of these goals. This is my "hobby" because it is not a profit center for me at all, but I do it because I love it. Actually most procedures are time consuming and are done by myself, not a technician. Therefore, I have the right to decline veterinary services if I feel that you have declined certain recommendations that will help make a successful breeding. I understand that it can be expensive for some lab tests and services, but many are very necessary to get a good breeding.

I understand Dr. Roberson's conditions and I agree to them. In return, Dr. Roberson agrees to give you all the time, knowledge, and skill to give us the best outcome, taking into consideration any special needs or conditions of yourself or your pet.

Signature

Date