

# **Caesarean Section (C-section)**

## **Pre-operative information for Caesarean Section (C-section)**

**Please read this form carefully in conjunction with the consent form you will shortly be asked to sign.** This is designed to give you (the owner) as much information as possible for the procedure you have elected. Every surgical procedure that is undertaken carries associated risks and complications. Although rare, we want you to be fully informed before you proceed.

Please read the following list of complications that can result from this procedure and ask a member of staff if you have any questions or concerns. This list is not exhaustive. We will discharge your pet with a buster collar, to be worn at all times, which can help reduce the incidence of post-operative complications. Should a complication arise, owners are liable for the costs associated with the complication.

1. Haemorrhage (bleeding) both during and after the procedure
2. Wound breakdown partial or complete
3. Wound infection
4. Bruising and swelling
5. Seroma (pocket of fluid)
6. Damage to other internal organs
7. Suture site reaction
8. Wound breakdown of the uterus (womb)
9. Peritonitis (infection in the abdomen)
10. We may have to, in an emergency situation, perform an ovariohysterectomy (spay) if there is damage, necrosis or severe bleeding to the uterus (womb) and this is deemed in the best interest of the animal.
11. Death of one or more puppies
12. Risk of injury on recovery post-operatively
13. Anaesthetic complication including death

**We take great precautions to minimise these risks to your pet.**

Please ask a member of staff if you have any more queries.