

Example of an acceptable Consent Form (a hypothetical prospective study that aims to look at the histology of mast cell tumours removed from dogs)

Proposed research study: Histology of mast cell tumours

This study aims to compare the histology (appearance under a microscope) of mast cell tumours (a type of skin tumour) that are routinely removed from dogs at this practice. You have indicated that you wish your dog's tumour to be sent to an external laboratory for analysis following surgery, and have agreed to pay for this.

Agreeing to participate will not affect the treatment of your animal(s), or your relationship with the practice, neither will deciding not to participate.

Please select yes or no for each individual statement to give your consent or indicate your agreement:

1. I have read and understand the information sheet for this study Yes/No
2. I have had the opportunity to ask any questions I needed answered and understand that I can change my mind about taking part Yes/No
3. I consent to my personal data (name, address) being used to select my animal into the study. After selection, I understand that my personal data will be removed and unlinked from the study, and will be erased. Only details that would not identify me will be used for the scientific research records, for publication and for any subsequent studies. Yes/No
4. I agree to my animal's tumour being photographed, processed and examined microscopically for this study, and to samples being stored for future use by either this practice or by other researchers in the future. Yes/No
5. I agree to my animal's clinical data (case records, including details such as my animal's age, breed, sex and bodyweight, photographs, videos, imaging) being used for this study, and in any resulting publications or presentations. Yes/No
6. I realise that there will be no financial or treatment gain to me or my animal from taking part in this study Yes/No
7. I agree that I may be contacted by the researcher by telephone or email to give a report on progress after ____* months (*to be completed by researcher) and possibly in the future. Yes/No

Please provide your contact telephone number and/or email address if you have agreed to point 9.

Telephone number _____

Email address _____

I give my consent to participation in this study.

Yes/No

I confirm that I am the owner of this animal/I am not the owner but I have the owner's permission to give consent for this research study

Signature of person giving consent _____

Signature of person receiving consent _____

Contact details of researcher _____

Copy given to participant

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