

Authorization for Treatment

Dear Client:

We are honored that you are willing to trust us with the care of your animal. You'll notice our office is different from most veterinary clinics. Our treatment philosophy makes use of homeopathic medicines, Traditional Chinese Medicine (Acupuncture, Moxibustion and Herbs), Chiropractic and nutritional therapy. We emphasize these forms of treatment because we feel they are the most effective ways of dealing with a wide range of health problems that animals face. It is our opinion these regimens can be used to treat most of the health problems that are conventionally treated with drugs. It is also our experience that holistic medicine can be a very successful approach to health care.

Not every problem, however, can be successfully treated by any approach, including ours. Clients sometimes come to us because conventional veterinary medicine has left them without any hope of solution. We are often faced with very serious cases. Sometimes the disease process is so far advanced it limits the effectiveness of any treatment, including the alternatives we offer. Occasionally, our methods fail in spite of our best efforts. We say this not to discourage you, but rather to honestly communicate the reality of treating serious or chronic illness.

If your animal requires conventional treatment, we will refer you to a clinic that offers conventional treatment.

Due to the nature of our practice it is difficult for us to handle more than a limited number of emergencies, and we are not available on a 24-hour basis. Should a life-threatening emergency occur, *we suggest you contact an emergency facility.* For your convenience, here are phone numbers for three emergency clinics: ACCESS (303) 239-1200, Central Veterinary Emergency Clinic (303) 874-7387 and Wheat Ridge Animal Hospital (303) 424-3325.

Fees for our services are determined primarily by the time we spend on the case. It is important to understand this at the outset to avoid later misunderstandings. We charge an hourly rate for all time we spend on each case. This includes taking the initial case and associated case analysis, follow-up in clinic and phone consultations and associated case analysis, evaluation of lab and test results, conferring with your referring veterinarian as well as any other miscellaneous case work time. Fees for lab work, supplements and prescriptions are charged separately. All charges are due at time of service. You will be responsible for all legal and other collection costs for any fees unpaid after 90 days. There will be a \$30 charge for missed appointments not cancelled 24 hours in advance.

Declaration of Acceptance

I have read the above explanation of the type of treatment offered by *Holistic Care for Animals*. I understand their methods of treatment and agree that this is what I want for my animal. I further state that I am not expecting any other treatment than what is described here and agree to abide by the conditions set forth in this authorization.

I understand the fees will be based on all time spent on my case as described in the above paragraph which begins with; "Fees for our services...". I also confirm that I have been informed of the payment and missed appointment policy as stated in that same paragraph. I verify I have read and understand that paragraph by initialing here: _____. I authorize *Holistic Care for Animals* to charge my credit card for these services.

Name: _____ Date: _____
Please Print

Signature: _____

Card type: MC _____ Visa _____ Card # _____ Exp. Date: _____

Card Holder's Signature _____