

# Feline Cognitive Dysfunction

## *Client Consent Form*

Cognitive decline is a concern in many species, including cats, dogs, and humans. The goal of our research is to understand the brain and cognitive changes that occur in our ever-growing geriatric and aging cat population. By studying these changes, we are hoping to be able to optimize diagnostic and treatment options available for cats with signs consistent with feline cognitive dysfunction. Cats over the age of 12 years old may participate in this study.

If you agree to have your cat participate in this study, then the following testing will be performed before euthanasia:

- Neurologic exam
- Non-invasive blood pressure
- Questionnaire regarding your cat's behavior
- Ophthalmic exam
- Bloodwork (under sedation)

However, if your cat becomes stressed or anxious *during any of the above testing*, that portion of the study will not be completed.

After euthanasia, samples of brain tissue will be collected. Private or communal cremation may be elected after the necropsy.

There will be *no cost* incurred for any of the testing or tissue samples for your cat's participation in this study. Enrollment in this study is completely voluntary. Your decision to participate in the study will in no way influence the quality of medical care provided to your cat. You are encouraged to reach out to the lead investigator using the contact information below if you have any questions

**Authorization:** I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read the above consent form and agree to allow my cat, \_\_\_\_\_, participate in the research study as described above. My signature indicates that I have received a copy of this consent form.

**Client Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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