

Assumption of the Risk and Waiver of Liability Relating to Coronavirus/ COVID-19

The novel corona virus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is highly contagious and is believed to spread mainly from person to person contact. As a result, federal, state and local governments and federal and state health agencies recommend social distancing. The state of Texas has determined that veterinary clinics are essential businesses.

Minnerly Veterinary Services P.A. (dba University Animal Hospital) (“the Hospital”) has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, **the Hospital** cannot guarantee that you will not become infected with COVID-19. Further, bringing your pet into **the Hospital** could increase your risk of contracting COVID-19. Options for leave of absence are available.

By signing this agreement, I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that I may be exposed to and/or infected by COVID-19 by entering **the Hospital**, and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at **the Hospital** may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, but not limited to, employees, other clients, and delivery personnel.

I voluntarily agree to assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury to myself through illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense of any kind that I incur in connection with my entering **the Hospital**. I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless **the Hospital**, its employees, agents, and representatives, of and from any claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of **the Hospital**, its employees, agent, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after entering **the Hospital**.

Print Name

Signature

Date