

RECOVERY AND REHABILITATION

TPLO

Your pet will typically need to stay in the hospital for 2 days following surgery. Once your pet comes home, carefully review the discharge instructions you have received. It is particularly important to be diligent with the exercise restrictions and the physical therapy. If your pet is too active (unrestricted activity), the bone or implants can break; this is an extremely serious situation which can lead to devastating problems. Your pet will also need radiographs (8 weeks following surgery) taken before Dr. Tudor can release him/her back to normal activity.

ECR

Your pet will typically need to stay in the hospital overnight. Once your pet comes home, carefully review the discharge instructions you have received. It is particularly important to be diligent with the exercise restrictions and the physical therapy. If your pet is too active (unrestricted activity) then the suture can fail which will require a second surgery. Physical therapy is particularly important with the patients having the ECR technique and it is strongly recommended that your pet goes to a physical rehabilitation facility following surgery in order to ensure the best results.

COMPLICATIONS

Complications are rare and will vary depending on which procedure is performed. Infection, delayed wound healing, implant failure, fracture, patella luxation and failure to return function are the most common. Limb deformities can occasionally arise following the TPLO surgery. A small number of pets (10%), can injure their meniscus after surgery which may require a second surgery. About 40-60% of dogs will rupture the opposite CCL within 2 years.

WHO WE ARE

Dr. Rebecca Tudor graduated from the North Carolina State College of Veterinary Medicine in 1995. She completed an internship at the University of Georgia and then returned to NCSU for her surgery residency. She became a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Surgeons in 2000. After a year in private practice in South Carolina, she returned to NCSU in 2001. In January, 2003 Dr. Tudor established Tarheel Mobile Veterinary Surgical Specialists, PA (TMVSS).

WHAT WE DO

TMVSS is a mobile surgical practice which was designed to provide excellent surgical care for your pet without disturbing the client-referring veterinarian relationship. Our team performs a variety of orthopedic and soft tissue procedures at your pet's hospital which allows for the convenience and comfort of being in a familiar surrounding. We are committed to outstanding customer service and compassionate patient care. Most follow-up care will be performed by your veterinarian, but we are available if concerns arise.

RECOMMENDED LINKS

www.vetsurgerycentral.com

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