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Equine Reconstructive Surgery

- Horses are well known to have accidents, and the resultant lacerations and trauma can result in permanent disfigurement or functional disability.
- Repair of these traumatic episodes is, at best, difficult in an 'at the stable' situation. In most cases, safe anesthesia is difficult at the stable, except for very brief procedures. Additionally, proper surgical positioning, hot and cold running water, adequate surgical hygiene, adequately trained surgical staff, complete surgical instrumentation, and many other needs are rarely present individually, and are never all present at the stable.
- We have taken a firm stand in performing all equine surgery at the hospital. The results of this decision are very obvious.
- Additionally, we have taken an interest in doing our reconstructive surgery in a cosmetic manner. While we strive for excellent function, we recognize that less than cosmetic repairs are costly to the owner. A show horse with an ugly scar on its face is not often the winner.
- The Range Animal Hospital takes equine surgery seriously with the availability of a specially equipped large animal operating room. We have a hydraulic operating table and gas anesthesia for our equine patients. Additionally, multi-parameter monitoring equipment is available for our large animal patients.
- A large animal hospital makes what is difficult and sometimes dangerous to the patient at the stable, into an often simple and routine procedure in the hospital.
- Call anytime to coordinate an emergency or urgent referral. It is appropriate to call Dr, Martinson at his home or cell if needed.
- We will coordinate aftercare with the referring veterinarian.
- Cost is variable with the extent of the disease or trauma & needed postoperative in hospital aftercare. We will give our best estimate by phone and will freely discuss costs with your client after we have made an evaluation.