

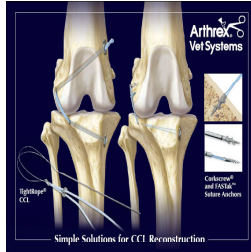
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Cranial Cruciate Ligament Repairs with the Tightrope Procedure

- A procedure developed at the University of Missouri by James Cook, DVM, DACVS.
- This procedure is recommended for all dogs over 15 pounds.
- It is an extra-capsular repair similar to the Flo/Brinker MRIT procedure.
- It was developed to bypass some of the pitfalls of the MRIT.
- Due to the new method of suture placement, the procedure is less invasive.
- Arthrotomy and inspection of the internal structures is still done.
- Debridement of the internal structures, the torn ACL and medial meniscus, can be removed through this more limited incision. Any pannus (osteophyte) can also be removed with ease.
- We believe the removal of significant pannus formation is important to a long lasting repair and helps to limit the progression of stifle arthritis.
- A morning appointment is scheduled with Dr. Martinson, who will meet with the client, examine the dog both awake and under anesthesia, and discuss appropriate surgical intervention. If the client is prepared for immediate surgery and the animal is an appropriate candidate, Dr. Martinson will sit with the client and explain the procedure in depth while the animal is prepped.
- We prefer to do these procedures on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, with the dog returning home the next day.
- Please see the client brochures and a study report of the procedure included on the enclosed CD.
- Cost is approximately \$1200 to \$1800 [January, 2011]. This does not include any necessary blood work or radiographs. Feel free to send clients with appropriate lab work and films. We will be sure that the radiographs are returned