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## **Osteochondritis Dissecans of the Hock**

- An uncommon to rare cause of rear leg lameness in the dog.
- Any rear leg lameness in a large breed young dog deserves radiographic investigation.
- Recently, there has been discussion, and some published data, concerning the value of surgery in this condition. This information is based on short-term studies. We believe long-term studies are needed before we can effectively state that surgery is not indicated.
- This can be a difficult radiographic diagnosis. Multiple views are often needed to confirm the diagnosis.
- Please send any radiographs and preoperative laboratory tests.
- A morning appointment is scheduled with Dr. Martinson, who will meet with the client, examine the dog, and take it immediately to surgery if indicated. While the animal is prepped, Dr. Martinson will sit with the client and explain the procedure in depth, the aftercare, and answer any questions.
- We prefer to do these procedures on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, with the dog returning home the next day.
- We will coordinate postoperative aftercare with your hospital.
- Cost is approximately \$1100 to \$1200 [January, 2011]. This does not include any needed pre-op blood work or radiographs. Feel free to send the clients with appropriate lab work and films. We will return the radiographs.