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Osteochondritis Dissecans of the Shoulder

- An uncommon cause of foreleg lameness in the dog, but a relatively common cause in the young dog.
- Any foreleg lameness in a large breed young dog deserves radiographic investigation.
- Much is reported on the use of arthroscopic treatment for this condition. Since the development of the posterior approach to the shoulder joint, the focus on arthroscopic repair has lessened.
- The posterior approach to the shoulder joint is minimally invasive, only requiring separation of the tendons and musculature of the shoulder. Neurovascular structures, while present in the surgical field, are easily seen and avoided. The joint exposure is to the posterior portion of the articular surface, and as such, is ideally located for most OCD lesions.
- 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 \$1000 to \$1100 [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.