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Hip Luxation Repair with the Toggle Procedure

- This common orthopedic problem is devastating if the joint is not returned to normal functional anatomy.
- In our experience, most hips are easily replaced under a surgical plane of anesthesia. We have not found Ehmer slings to be a rewarding method of maintaining reduction. We further do not like the invasiveness of joint capsule reconstruction with suturing or with the placement of suture prostheses dorsal to the joint.
- The toggle procedure with a craniolateral approach to the hip joint is minimally invasive, substantially atraumatic in the dissections, and results in a stable repair. Most animals are at least partially weight bearing the next day, and have good function in a few days postoperatively.
- Small avulsion fractures of the femoral head do well with this procedure. Large avulsions often require femoral head ostectomy or total hip replacement. Good radiographs are important.
- We will coordinate postoperative aftercare with your hospital. Typical care includes:
 - A 4-5 day postoperative incision check.
 - A 10-12 day suture removal.
- Call ASAP with your request for referral. It is appropriate to call Dr. Martinson after hours to aid in coordinating his schedule.
- Surgery is done daily as needed by each individual case. The patient typically has an overnight hospitalization.
- Please send any preoperative laboratory tests and radiographs.
- Uncomplicated cases typically are \$1100 to \$1300 [January 2011]. Difficult cases or cases with additional trauma will be representatively more. Ask for an estimate.