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Femoral Head & Neck Ostectomy with a Biceps Femoris Flap

- Since the development of the total hip replacement procedure Femoral Head and Neck Excision Arthroplasty has fallen into some disrepute. We think that this is a mistake. FHO is an acceptable repair for many dogs and cats.
- In our experience, most hips return to virtually normal function with this procedure. We are not afraid to recommend it on small to medium size dogs and cats, and have had VERY GOOD luck with it even on large dogs.
- We like to include the biceps flap element into the procedure. Since we have adopted this technique, we have had excellent results. We believe its presence between the bones is a strong reason for rapid return to good function.
- While this is an invasive procedure, patients typically return to function with a little physical therapy easily done by the client at home.
- We will coordinate postoperative aftercare with your hospital. Typical care includes:
 - A 4-5 day postoperative incision check.
 - A 10-12 day suture removal.
- If the need is due to trauma, 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 for trauma cases. If it is indicated for advanced degenerative joint disease, surgery will generally be scheduled for Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday. The patient typically has an overnight hospitalization.
- Please send any preoperative laboratory tests and radiographs.
- Uncomplicated cases range between \$1200 to \$1400 [January 2011]. Difficult cases or cases with additional trauma will be representatively more. Ask for an estimate.