

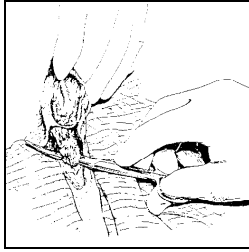
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Ear Canal Ablation

- These are uncommon surgeries performed on dogs in our practice, being reserved for unrelenting, untreatable external ear canal disease.
- We believe a Zepp / Lecroix (lateral ear canal resection) operation should be first attempted if it has a likelihood of success.
- Cases being considered for ear canal ablation should have the bullas radiographed, evaluating for concomitant middle ear disease.
- Cases with middle ear disease will likely have a drain placed in surgery. Removal will be scheduled with the referring veterinarian.
- Some clients resist this procedure, fearing deafness. As nearly all are deaf in the affected ear already, with no hope of improvement, this should not be a concern. Postoperatively, client satisfaction is high, as the presenting complaint is resolved and the hearing is unchanged.
- We do these procedures on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays as our schedule allows. Cases typically have a 1 or 2 night hospitalization, unless additional complicating factors are present.
- We will coordinate postoperative aftercare with your hospital. Typical care includes:
 - A 4-5 day postoperative incision check.
 - Possible drain removal when indicated.
 - A 10-12 day suture removal.
- Uncomplicated cases are typically \$800 to \$1000. [January 2011]. Ask for an estimate.