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Zepp / Lecroix Operation

- These are common surgeries performed on dogs in our practice. We believe that they are indicated far more often than they are done.
- Unrelenting otitis due to obstruction of the distal ear canal is common in the dog. Oftentimes it is due to longstanding otitis resulting in scar tissue proliferation in the ear canal. After a weeks long treatment with appropriate antibiotic/corticosteroid ointments and limited, or no resolution, surgery should be considered.
- Cases with normal diameter of the internal portion of the ear canal, but occluded external portions, do best.
- Many cases with partial occlusion of the internal portion also do well, and hearing can be preserved, as once continued drainage of the horizontal portion of the ear canal is established, the inflammatory portion of the occlusion will likely resolve.
- Some clients, prior to surgery, resist what they perceive will be an unacceptable cosmetic result. Postoperatively, none complain.
- 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.
 - A 10-12 day suture removal.
- Uncomplicated unilateral cases are typically \$400 to \$600. Bilateral cases \$550 to \$750. [January 2011]. Ask for an estimate.