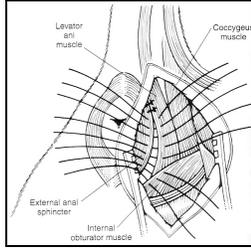


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Perineal Hernia Repair

- Perineal hernia is an uncommon disease caused by failure of the pelvic diaphragm.
- It is more commonly found in male dogs, and in middle age to older Boston Terriers, Collies, Boxers, Peking, and mixed breed dogs .
- Most dogs present with difficulty defecating, painful bowel movements, sometimes fecal and urinary incontinence, and generally have swelling in one or both sides of the anus.
- Rarely the bladder will also herniate into the sac and result in acute urinary obstruction, an emergency situation.
- The disease is usually easily confirmed with a simple digital rectal exam. The rectum, a normally consistent round tube, will deviate to the left, or right, or both, bulging into the hernia sac.
- Early surgery is the treatment of choice in almost all cases. Delay only makes the problem more difficult. Without other overwhelming concerns, we recommend surgery for our patients.
- Surgery consists of one of three different procedures:
 - Reconstruction of the pelvic diaphragm; a good procedure with some failure, and with minimal technical difficulties,
 - Reconstruction of the pelvic diaphragm with the internal obturator flap, a better procedure with fewer failures and only slightly more difficult,
 - Reconstruction of the pelvic diaphragm with a semimembranosus flap, a technically difficult procedure done only to repair a failed procedure of one of the above.
- Because of the better success and the minimal increase in technical difficulty and recovery to the patient, reconstruction with the internal obturator flap is our procedure of choice.
- Surgery is done daily as needed. Surgery will generally be scheduled for Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday. The patient typically has a 1 or 2 night hospitalization.
- If the need is acute due to herniation of the urinary bladder, call ASAP with your request for referral. It is appropriate to call Dr. Martinson after hours to coordinate an emergency referral.
- We will coordinate postoperative aftercare with your hospital. Typical care includes:
 - A 4-5 day postoperative incision check.
 - A 10-12 day suture removal.
- Please send any preoperative laboratory tests.
- Uncomplicated cases are \$1100 to \$1400 for unilateral repair with the internal obturator flap procedure. [September 2012]. Ask for an estimate.