

### Examples of conditions treated with specialty fracture repair:

- **Complex fractures:** Fractures that involve multiple bone fragments, joints, or are located in difficult-to-reach areas.
- **Non-unions:** Fractures that have failed to heal properly.
- **Angular limb deformities:** Abnormal angulation of limbs due to bone or joint issues, which may require corrective osteotomies (bone cutting) and fixation.
- **Joint injuries:** Fractures involving joints may require arthroscopic surgery for repair and stabilization.
- **Limb-sparing surgery:** Surgical techniques used to remove bone tumors while preserving the limb.

**Risks of General Anesthesia:** We listen closely to your pet's medical history and carefully review any provided medical records. Your pet will have a detailed physical exam, appropriate pre-operative screening blood tests, and possibly radiographs to identify and control anesthetic risk factors. Even with these measures, anesthesia remains a small, but present risk. For this reason, we use the safest intravenous and inhalational anesthetics. Our anesthesia doctor and highly experienced technical staff are well trained in the administration and monitoring of all types of sedation and general anesthesia. Your pet is carefully monitored by a formally trained and experienced licensed technician during anesthesia and recovery and is under the care of our ER veterinarian and veterinary staff the night following their procedure.

**At Home:** Your pet will typically go home 24 hours after surgery. During your scheduled discharge appointment, we will review our detailed, written home care instructions. We will also answer any questions and address any concerns that you may have at that time.

- We will provide medications for discomfort during the post-operative period.
- In general, you should plan for 10-12 weeks of activity restriction after surgery.
- If your pet is sent home in a bandage, we will have you schedule follow up bandage changes, per the surgeons instructions. These appointments are typically scheduled for 15-30 minutes to allow the area to be cleaned, dried, and a medicated ointment applied to reduce moisture entrapment, before a new bandage can be placed. **There is a fee for these appointments, outside of the cost of the surgery. You must keep the bandage dry at all times. If the bandage is exposed to water (or urine), please contact us immediately, as we will need to see your pet as soon as possible.**
- We will also schedule any follow-up radiographs the surgeon needs to review at your discharge appointment.

- We recommend that you keep your pet in relative confinement (crate, kennel, smaller room with a baby gate, “mud” room, laundry room) when unsupervised.
- Please follow your printed discharge instructions carefully to allow your pet to fully recover.

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