

VetSurg View Newsletter



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Greetings to our veterinary practice friends from Team VetSurg!

As the holiday season approaches, we'd like to send our warmest wishes to our valued veterinary referral practices. Thank you for your support and for being part of our referral community throughout 2024. We deeply appreciate your trust and support which has allowed us to work together as a Team in navigating this year's challenges and caring for our patients. We hope this holiday season brings you joy, rest, and time to celebrate with those you cherish. Looking ahead, we are excited for what 2025 holds and for the opportunity to continue working alongside you to in providing compassionate, thoughtful care.

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year from all of us at VetSurg!



Important topics featured in this edition:

- Surgeon Access Cell Phone Number
- Introducing UrgentOrtho service
- Introducing Fluoroscopy
- Fracture Cases and Costs

One of our commitments to our veterinary referral community is to provide readily available access to a board-certified surgeon for any case inquiries or consultations. See below for our **Surgeon Access Card** which is a direct line to our work cell phone. This text line is monitored 12/7 (8am~8pm) and is in the on-call surgeon's hands after 6pm Thursday over the weekend. Please feel free to **text** message this phone with any immediate queries, send radiographs for fracture cases, send images with questions, or to request a call back, and our reception staff or surgeons will respond ASAP.

Please be aware this is a primary text message device.





Surgeon Access Cell Phone Number

UrgentOrtho Service



We are excited to announce the launch of *UrgentOrtho* - our dedicated service for urgent orthopedic cases requiring immediate surgical attention. Designed for patients who need same or next-day surgical repair following trauma, the *UrgentOrtho* service offers timely specialized care when it's needed most. As part of the service we provide overnight medical boarding for trauma patients as we prepare for their procedure.

Surgery Focus: Fracture Case Management

Orthopedic traumatology is one of our specialties at VetSurg. For fracture cases, our goals are to provide prompt surgical intervention, apply sound orthopedic principles for fracture repair, and use the latest techniques to optimize patient outcomes. Client education and support is a top priority for all cases, particularly delicate fracture repairs.





Appropriate fracture fixation requires careful attention to mechanical, biological and patient-specific factors to achieve a successful outcome. Some of the latest techniques being applied at VetSurg is the utilization of fluoroscopy and arthroscopy guidance to accurately visualize fracture reduction and set implant location. These technologies are very advantageous for certain metaphyseal and intra-articular fracture repairs. Below are arthroscopic images of a condylar fracture in a French Bulldog during the reduction process.









Lateral humeral condylar fracture in a 10 kg, French Bulldog, FS, repaired using arthroscopic guidance and a combined trans-condylar screw and epicondylar bridge plate. Visualization of the articular fracture line using arthroscopy allows for accurate realignment of the joint surface while implants are applied. This allows for a robust fracture repair in a minimally-invasive fashion to allow for rapid return to function.

All Inclusive 2024 Fracture Pricing Package*

Pricing includes anesthesia, ultrasound-guided nerve blocks, surgery, pre-, post-, and follow-up radiographs, single bone plate and screws, bandaging or splinting, post-operative medications, and overnight hospitalization. 2-4 recheck exams are included in package.

Costs are determined based on case and fracture complexity (simple, standard, complex)

1-12 kg - simple: \$5,600; standard: \$6200; complex: \$6800

*Second bone plate and screws: +\$750

13-25 kg - simple: \$6,000; standard: \$6600; complex: \$7200 *Second bone plate and screws: +\$850

26-39 kg - simple: \$6,400; standard: \$7000; complex: \$7600

*Second bone plate and screws: +\$850

40-55 kg - simple: \$6,800; standard: \$7400; complex: \$8000

*Second bone plate and screws: +\$950

>56 kg - simple: \$7,200; standard: \$7800; complex: \$8400

*Second bone plate and screws: +\$1050

- Emergency Fee (will be determined based on schedule availability): +\$550
- Secondary Fracture Repair Same Site: +\$800
- Chronic Fracture (8+ days since fracture): +\$1000
- Fluoroscopy may be utilized depending on the location and severity of the fracture: +\$550

*2025 pricing will be formulated in January. The updated pricing will be supplied to your practice via delivered price sheet, updated client brochures, on the website pricing tab, and available on request

Lab work is required for surgery and is not included in the pricing.

All revisits, including follow up examinations, healing assessment, and follow-up radiographs are INCLUDED in the above fracture pricing

Fluoroscopy



We are thrilled to announce that VetSurg now has advanced fluoroscopic intraoperative Imaging. Our new Genoray Oscar is a state-of-the-art, 23cm flat screen that provides real time continuous X-ray imaging, bringing unparalleled precision to our orthopedic surgical interventions. With this technology, we can guide orthopedic wires, pins, drill bits, and screws in real time, position bone plates with absolute accuracy, and create precise bone tunnels for fracture repairs and joint stabilization procedures. The level of precision we achieve with fluoroscopic assistance allows us to perform surgeries in a minimally invasive fashion and elevate the quality of care for our patients significantly.



Our Mission

To provide safe, effective, and thoughtful veterinary surgical services to our community, while maintaining a compassionate Team approach



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