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Small Animal Orthopedic Surgery

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Extra Capsular repair

The extra capsular repair has many surgical variations, but the overall procedure involves using sterile nylon material to wrap around the outside of the joint to prevent motion and provide comfort to the pet. The duty of the nylon suture is to hold the knee stable while the body fibroses the knee itself. Over time, the suture will break. Premature breaking of the suture can be a complication if the knee is not finished healing. This procedure is the common procedure for small dogs. It can be performed on larger dogs, but the risks of premature suture failure are greater. Physical rehabilitation is extremely helpful in helping the patients return to normal function after surgery.