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Small Animal Orthopedic Surgery

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Femoral Head and Neck Ostectomy

The Femoral Head and Neck Ostectomy is a salvage procedure typically performed in adult dogs with severe canine hip dysplasia or certain congenital disorders. It is typically recommended when more conservative treatment such as exercise and medical management are unsuccessful in providing relief for your dog. The goal of the surgery is to eliminate the pain caused by bone to bone rubbing in an arthritic hip. The surgery works by removing the head and neck of the femur (the ball of the hip joint). The surrounding tissues in the area will create a "false joint" of fibrous tissue. Physical rehabilitation is often recommended following this procedure to build up the muscles surrounding the hip joint to provide better function and more comfort for the patient.