

What Are The Charges Associated With The TPLO Package?

Our TPLO package includes all charges for the pre-surgical orthopedic evaluation, the TPLO surgery, and all post-surgical care and rehabilitation for one total price, which will depend on your dog's size and other orthopedic conditions.

(Please see our website for pricing information.)

The orthopedic evaluation is a total of \$495.00, and will be charged at the time of the evaluation.

The remaining balance will be charged at the time of surgery. This total will include the following:

- Day of surgery exam
- Surgical anesthesia
- IV catheter and IV fluids
- All surgical medications
- An overnight stay in the hospital following surgery
- All Post-surgical exams
- Post-surgical physical rehabilitation
- Physical rehabilitation consultation and care plan
- Post-surgical sedated radiographs
- Medications sent home



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A Guide to Your Pet's TPLO Surgery



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What Is A Cranial Cruciate Ligament?

The cranial cruciate ligament is the main supporting ligament within a dog's knee (known as the stifle). It bears the weight of the majority of the stifle's load. If this ligament tears, the tibia will move forward in relationship to the femur. Due to the pain this causes, your dog is usually not able to bear full weight on the leg, and may even carry the leg.



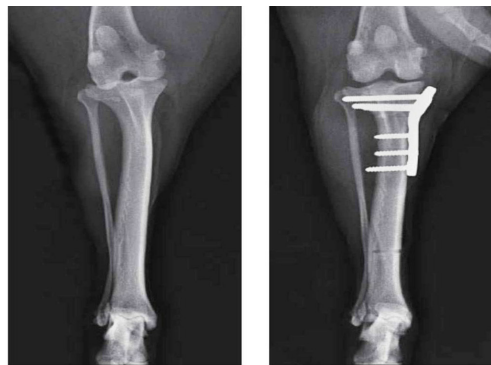
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What Is TPLO Surgery?

Tibial plateau leveling osteotomy, or TPLO, is a surgical procedure performed when your pet has a torn cranial cruciate ligament.

The TPLO surgery is done to completely change the dynamics of the dog's knee so that the torn ligament becomes irrelevant to the stability of the knee itself.

Once the bone is cut and rotated, the tibial plateau, where the femur and the tibia meet, no longer can slide backwards. The knee is immediately stabilized. Therefore, the need for the ACL ligament is eliminated completely and stability is returned to the joint immediately.



Before TPLO surgery After TPLO surgery

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How Do I Know If My Dog Is A Candidate For TPLO Surgery?

After the initial exam, your dog will be scheduled for an orthopedic evaluation. For the evaluation, sedation is required in order to get proper radiographs of the leg. Your dog will be admitted to the hospital for the day for the following procedures:

- Full Orthopedic Exam
- Pre-sedation Lab Work
- Sedated Radiographs

We will immediately know if the cruciate ligament is torn, and if your dog is a candidate for the TPLO surgery.

If surgery is an option, you will be given a treatment plan before you take your pet home for the day. A member of our surgical team will call to schedule the surgery within the next three to five days.