

Case Study

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OrthoFoam™ for Canine Cruciate Disease

Patient

Patient: Brady
Breed: Yukon Husky
Age: 6 Years
Weight: 30kg

Case Background

Strictly a working dog, Brady works at the Mahoosuc Mountain Lodge in New England where they run dogsledding tours

Brady had a history of progressive left rear lameness for over four months. Every time he exercised he was showing 1-2/4 lameness and was showing no signs of response to meloxicam and conservative management

Pain was localised to the stifle joint – particularly when placed in full extension yet there was no appreciable drawer instability when palpated under sedation. X-rays showed moderate inflammatory changes in the knee and tpa of 26 degrees

Surgical Procedure

Brady was taken to surgery in October 2012 and the left knee was explored arthroscopically. A partial tear of the ACL was confirmed involving the craniomedial band – this was intact and grossly viable. The torn fibres of the craniomedial band were debrided using coblation and the remaining ACL and menisci left alone

The MMP was done using a 12mm OrthoFoam wedge and two tension band wires

Outcome

Brady returned to work five months later and the owner reported that he is back to full function

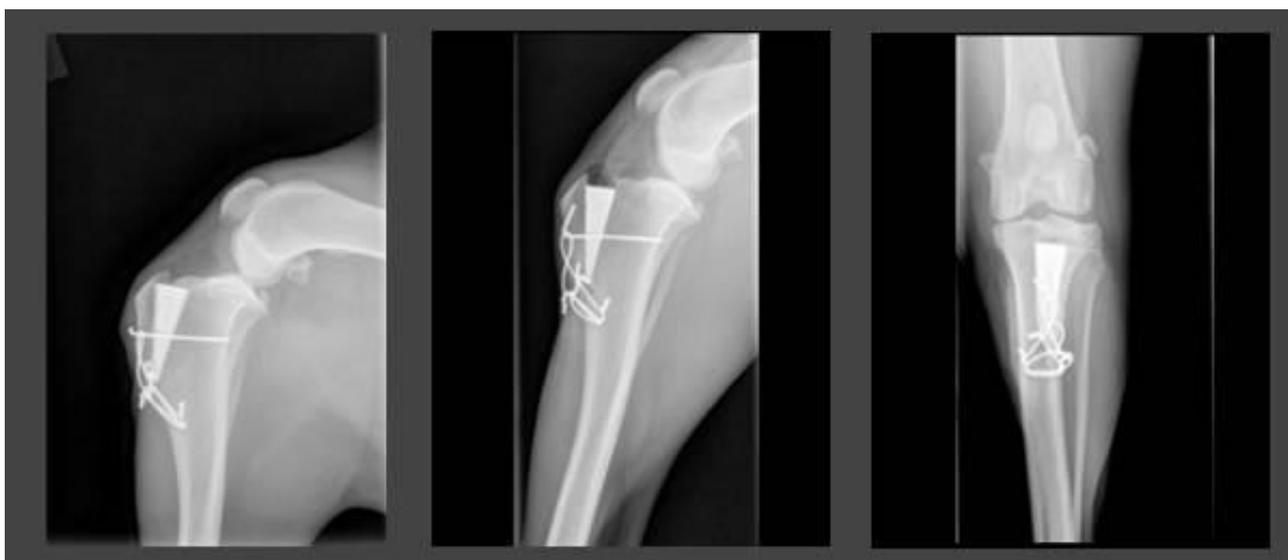
“I now say that the results of the MMP rival those I have seen over the 2,000 TPLO’s that I have previously done. It is also true that typically the MMP can be done in 15 – 20 minutes and with less assistance doing the procedure compared to a TPLO. I am very comfortable with the procedure and the expectations for a return to full function. Replacing the wire with the staple has also made a big difference

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Thanks to all the people at Orthomed – you’ve done an excellent job in supporting me”

X-Rays



Surgeon

Dr Todd Gauger BS, DVM
Norway Veterinary Hospital

Dr Gauger joined the Norway Veterinary Hospital as an associate veterinarian in June of 1988 following his graduation from Michigan State University's College of Veterinary Medicine. He also attended MSU for undergraduate studies receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in 1984. He returned to Maine to join the practice that his father, Dr Charles Gauger, started in 1963. In the 1990's Dr Gauger received advanced training in orthopaedics and started a referral practice for area veterinarians – his areas of interest include fracture repair and joint surgery. The referrals currently serve over 50 Maine practices and several in New Hampshire, Vermont and Massachusetts