



TATTLE TAILS

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NEW LAPAROSCOPIC (KEYHOLE) SURGERY NOW AVAILABLE!

By K. Logue, DVM

Research published in the prestigious Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association shows that smaller surgery incisions, less pain and lower surgical stress levels are all benefits of “keyhole” or “small hole” laparoscopic surgery.

Commonly used in human medicine, you may have experienced its benefits yourself. Not all veterinary surgeries can be done this way. For selective surgeries and biopsies the Laparoscopic Surgery option could benefit your beloved family pet.

Procedures currently being done at Magrane with this technique include spays, cryptorchid neuters, and biopsies of livers, spleens, and pancreas.

Magrane’s Laparoscopy Unit Team consists of Dr. Logue and surgery nurse, Felicia Cochran. Felicia has over thirty years anesthesia experience and works with Dr. Logue handling the complex technology that makes Magrane’s Laparoscopic Unit Team hum.

The operating laparoscope is the instrument that makes keyhole surgery possible, through an incision smaller than a dime.

Light, carbon dioxide, and instruments all enter the abdomen through the operating laparoscope. The image of the abdomen exits through the scope’s optics and is transmitted to the viewing screen via a digital camera.

The screen allows Dr. Logue a clear, detailed and magnified view of the abdomen, organs, and surgery site. This permits close-up viewing of procedures like biopsies and surgeries while being done.

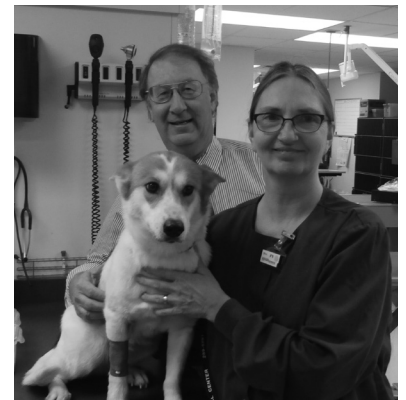
Dr. Logue views the surgery site on the screen while his left hand controls the

camera and scope. His right hand manipulates the sealing and cutting instrument.

Your young female dog can benefit – if your pet is under 1 year of age, over 40lbs, not in heat, healthy and not overweight she is a good candidate. In some patients, age and body fat obscure the important vessels of the ovaries making laparoscopic spays more difficult.

Special Sealing-cutting Instruments Make Laparoscopy Possible:

Special forceps use high frequency voltage that can be directed to the tissue between the jaws of the forceps sealing arteries and veins closed. A scalpel at the end of the instrument then cuts the



Dr. Logue and Felicia with Mattie, a Laparoscopic Spay patient in fall of 2013



Dr. Logue conducting laparoscopic surgery

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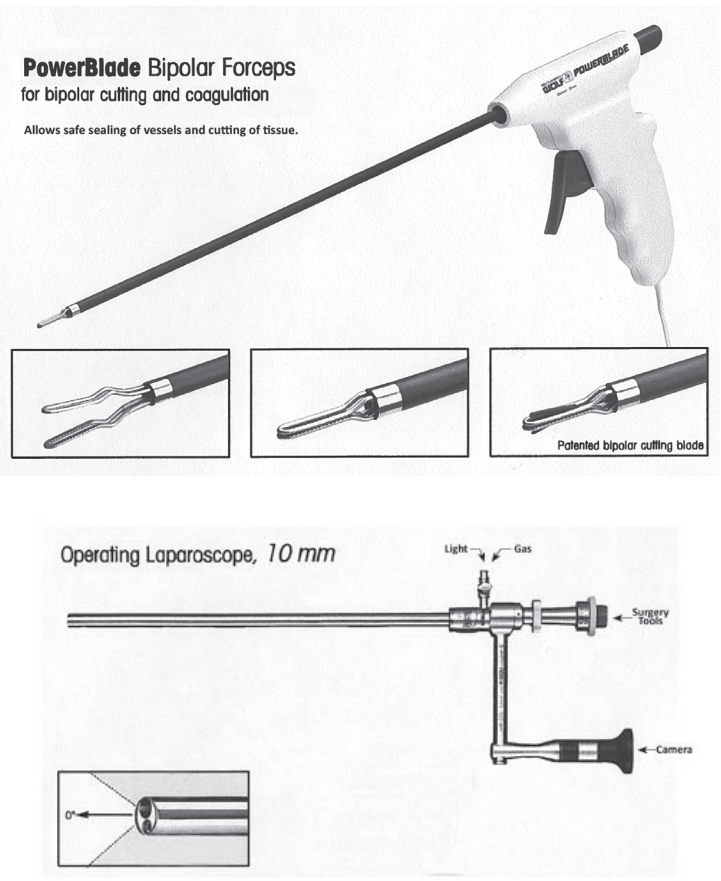
tissue while Dr. Logue watches closely on the screen.

High frequency voltage is confined to only the tissue between the jaws and seals vessels by drying them so they seal safely. The electrified blade double seals arteries and veins to prevent any bleeding.

Undescended Testicles Found:

Some male dogs have a testicle that did not descend all the way to the scrotum (cryptorchidism) and is still in the abdomen. If the testicle is not found and removed, the pet retains male characteristics and the testicle often becomes cancerous. In this surgery the testicle and attached vessels are sealed and cut. This frees the testicle for removal through a ½” incision instead of open abdominal surgery.

If your dog or cat needs any of the procedures described above, call Magrane to see if laparoscopy can decrease the pain and surgical stress involved.



WE GOT A NEW PUPPY/KITTEN! NOW WHAT DO WE DO???



Spring is a time when many families choose to adopt a new puppy or kitten. You take the time researching and finding just the right pet that will fit into your family. Or you pick up a new pet on a whim at a shop or outdoor sales event. You purchase new puppy/kitten food, new toys, collars and leashes, but then what?

You should schedule an appointment for a physical exam on the same day you pick up your new puppy/kitten. This will ensure that your new pet is healthy and ready to begin its life as a part of your family.

All puppies and kittens need physical exams, vaccinations and dewormings. The age of your puppy/kitten, determines how many visits will be required. Vaccines can be given as early as 6 weeks of age and boosters will be given every 2-3 weeks until the series of vaccinations is complete. This is one of the most important things you can do for your pet. After the second set of boosters, you and your pet can attend socialization classes.

MPMC now offers puppy/kitten packages that can save you money! These packages include all regular veterinary care for the first year of your pet's life. Please call our office for more information on our different options.

Spaying or neutering is also crucial for long-term health benefits. This not only prevents diseases later in your pet's life, but can also eliminate certain negative behaviors, as well as limiting the stray pet population.

Bring your new pet to Magrane! We'll help you begin your life with your new puppy/kitten on the right foot!



F.Y.I.

Veterinarian Schedules

Monday AM
Dr. Niemann

Monday PM
Dr. Neuhoff
Dr. Niemann

Tuesday AM
Dr. Doversberger
Dr. Neuhoff

Tuesday PM
Dr. Niemann
Dr. Meltzer

Wednesday AM
Dr. Meltzer

Wednesday PM
Dr. Neuhoff
Dr. Logue

Thursday AM
Dr. Doversberger
Dr. Meltzer

Thursday PM
Dr. Niemann
Dr. Meltzer

Friday AM
Dr. Niemann
Dr. Neuhoff

Friday PM
Dr. Meltzer
Dr. Niemann

Surgery Schedule

Monday-
Dr. Meltzer
Dr. Doversberger
(ultrasounds and echocardiograms)

Tuesday-
Dr. Neuhoff
Wednesday-
Dr. Logue

Thursday-
Dr. Niemann
Friday-
Dr. Neuhoff

Saturday Hours:
7:30 am - 12:30 pm

Starting on May 1st Dr. Doversberger will no longer be seeing outpatients. He will only be doing ultrasounds and echocardiograms on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

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Mission Statement

The Magrane Pet Medical Center Health Care Family seeks fulfillment by providing the best medical and surgical care available. We are dedicated to relieving pain and suffering in a compassionate way. The care and education we provide will maintain the highest quality of life for pets, their owners and our community.

DANGEROUS TREATS MADE IN CHINA

By Stephanie Lisenko

On a Saturday in December 2013 I learned the hard way about dog bones and treats. Our family headed out to do some Christmas shopping and planned on being gone for the day in Chicago. I made arrangements for friends to come over and take care of our dogs. Baily and Bella, our two Golden Retrievers, were going to be on their own for the day. I made sure water bowls were filled, trash cans were hidden, and plenty of pressed rawhide bones were available for their entertainment.

After a day of shopping we arrived home around 10:30 at night. To our surprise we can home to many "accidents"! What was going on? They really truly NEVER have accidents. It took me about 30 minutes to realize we had two sick dogs. Bella, our two year old Golden had it the worse. I stayed up with her all night and was letting her outside as often as every 20 minutes. She suffered from severe vomiting and diarrhea. I withheld food from them for a day, then served them hamburger and rice for two days. Nothing really helped. I then took her in to see Dr. Doversberger. We discovered that Bella had lost 12 pounds and was still not feeling well. After a round of medications, she bounced back fast.

What caused this? After doing some investigation on what could have made our "girls" sick, I immediately went to the bones. After calling the retail store where they were purchased and arguing with management to give me more information then what was on the packaging, I found out they were made in China!!! Yes, China...where there are NO guidelines in place for the safety of the products. I now only purchase treats that are made in the USA. I am not taking any chances again. So I would suggest looking at the labels before you serve the next treat to your favorite pet. If your pet develops vomiting or diarrhea after starting a new treat or a new food, call Magrane Pet Medical Center and schedule an immediate examination. Unfortunately, without rapid treatment, some pets have died from toxicities caused by imported treats.

Thank You

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NEW LASER THERAPY

By Carrie Lowe

You may have heard about laser therapy. It is a safe, non-invasive, non-painful way to treat a variety of health conditions in animals that is becoming more widely used across the veterinary community. At this time, the most common ways laser therapy is utilized are to treat arthritis pain, post-surgical healing, and wound healing. We have had great success with patients that have received therapy for these issues. What makes laser therapy exciting is the variety of ways that it can also be utilized. Every day, more and more evidence for successful treatment of all kinds of chronic and acute conditions are discovered. Ear and skin infections, ear hematomas, sinusitis, hot spots, lick granulomas, and neuropathy have all shown response to laser.

The most common questions that people have are: “How is the laser treatment done?; and “How does the laser therapy work?”. The treatment itself is quite simple. Each session takes about 5-10 minutes in which the laser wand is moved in a pattern over the area of the problem. Most conditions are treated, if possible, with a 3-2-1- approach. Three times the first week, two the second, and once a week until treatment is finished or the patient reaches once-a-month maintenance. There is a lot of biochemistry and physics behind how the laser works, but in a nutshell, it increases blood flow to the area in question. Oxygen in the blood, and tissues in the body, are stimulated by different wavelengths of light the laser produces, which increases the activity of natural processes in the body. This means bringing nutrients in, toxins out, and promoting healing.

If your pet has a chronic condition, especially one involving pain, laser therapy is a great choice. With its high margin of safety it is an effective new tool that Magrane Pet Medical Center can use to help keep your pet healthy and happy.

A Referral Program

Please take advantage of our Client Referral program that works in conjunction with our Feather and Fur Fund. We’ve developed a “Gift Card” that you can pick up at our office. However, this is a Gift Card that you do not have to pay for! Just pick up several of these cards the next time you are in our clinic. When you refer a friend and give them the card, they will receive a complimentary complete physical exam and Magrane will donate \$20.00 to the Feather and Fur Fund in your name. We appreciate the confidence you’ve placed in us to care for your pet, and we appreciate each and every referral you send our way.

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