



FRACTURED PELVIS

MEDICAL DISCLOSURE FOR FRACTURED PELVIS (STILL HEALING)

The pet has a fracture to the pelvis that will need time to heal with strict kennel confinement. While the fracture is healing, the pet will need to be taken outside either by carrying the pet if small enough or walking on a leash to go to the bathroom. The fractures are likely not perfectly aligned and often heal with scar tissue rather than true bone since they were not surgically repaired. However, they will typically become stable with time. The pet will need to go to the owner's veterinarian every 3-4 weeks for radiographs to make sure the fracture is healing correctly. If the animal isn't cared for properly as the fracture heals, there is an increased risk of prolonged healing time or the fracture not healing properly. It is recommended to keep pets at a healthy lean weight to not put additional strain on the bones/joints. These pets may not be good for high impact/intensity sports such as flyball, agility, Frisbee, hiking, etc. As the pet ages, there is a possibility that the pet will develop arthritis at the site of the fracture and could require medications to keep comfortable. All follow-up care will need to be done at the owner's veterinarian and at the owner's expense.