



LUXATING PATELLAS

MEDICAL DISCLOSURE FOR LUXATING PATELLAS

This pet has luxating patellas, or inappropriate dislocation of the knee cap. This condition is common in many small breed dogs. Many function well throughout life with minimal issues, however, some luxations may get worse over time and cause lameness. In addition, the instability of the knee joint due to the luxating patella can make these animals more prone to a cranial cruciate ligament tear (similar to an ACL in humans). If either of these are noted, the pet may require surgery to correct the issue. It will be important to keep this pet at a lean body weight as to not put any additional strain on the affected leg. These pets will not be good for high impact/intensity sports such as flyball, agility, Frisbee, hiking, etc. All follow-up care will need to be done at the owner's veterinarian and at the owner's expense.