



Does my pet "need" a veterinary surgical specialist?

CONSIDERATIONS AND PERSPECTIVES



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WHY SPECIALTY SURGERY?

As multidiscipline approaches to human healthcare have developed, so has specialization within veterinary medicine. There are now many surgeries that a pet may undergo that could benefit from the knowledge, expertise and attention of a surgical specialist. Your family may prefer for your companion's procedure to be performed by a veterinarian with advanced training, experience and a firm knowledge of successful aftercare. If your pet requires surgery that is more than "routine", consider utilizing the services of a board certified surgeon.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS REGARDING SPECIALTY SURGEONS

1. What questions should I ask my veterinarian before proceeding with surgery?

- Does the veterinarian perform this type of surgery often?
- Does the surgery require special equipment and, if so, is that equipment available?
- Would my pet benefit from the expertise of a specialist?
- What should I expect regarding the surgical outcome?
- What follow-up care is necessary and who will perform that follow-up?

2. How can I find out if a particular veterinary surgeon is board certified and how can I locate a board certified surgeon in my area?

ACVS certification can be verified at the Diplomate Directory of the ACVS website www.acvs.org. Your family veterinary practice may also be able to provide you with this information.

3. Does my pet really "need" a board certified surgeon?

Advances within the veterinary industry have produced a much wider variety of surgical treatment options, including highly specialized surgical procedures. Board certified surgeons spend at least four years post-veterinary medical degree focusing strictly on surgery. This concentrated focus provides the DACVS surgeon the skills and equipment familiarity requisite to successfully perform these procedures. Additionally, Veterinary Surgeons, by virtue of their focus, are able to keep up to date with frequent advances in surgical techniques. Many medical and surgical conditions that until recently, were considered incurable or inoperable, can now be treated safely, efficiently and successfully by a trained and experienced surgical specialist.

Ask us or your family veterinarian if you feel your pet might benefit from our specialty surgery services.



John J. Haburjak

Dr. Haburjak graduated from the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine in 1993. He completed his surgical residency at the University of Illinois and VSS in San Diego. His professional interests include orthopedic trauma, disorders of the carpus, surgical oncologic procedures of the face, head and neck, corrective orthopedics, and neurosurgery (spinal). Finally, he is passionate about minimally invasive procedures. His hobbies include SCUBA diving, A's baseball, cycling and cooking. He shares his life with his wife Aimee (also a vet), daughters Eva & Emery, son Ian, Addison (a bubble-headed Japanese Spaniel), Poppy (a freckled nosed Cavalier King Charles Spaniel), and S'mores the mini-Lop.



Andrew M. Grange

Dr. Grange earned a B.S. in Orthopedic Science in 2005 from University College London and graduated from Royal Veterinary College London in 2008. He completed a rotating internship at VCA Emergency Animal Hospital and Referral Center in San Diego, and his surgical residency at Angell Animal Medical Center in Boston, MA. His professional interests include minimally invasive surgical techniques in the management of soft tissue and orthopedic disease, cruciate disease, fractures and angular limb deformity. His personal interests include skiing, cycling, ice hockey, rowing, and spending time with his wife Allison (also a vet), their dog Abby, and 4 cats, Twiglet, Piglet, Blackjack, and The Muffin Man.



Tracy N. Frey

Dr. Frey earned a B.S. in Biology from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1998, and is a 2002 graduate of the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine. She completed a rotating internship at Long Island Veterinary Specialists in Plainview, New York, and her surgical internship and residency at Garden State Veterinary Specialists in Tinton Falls, New Jersey. Dr. Frey enjoys all aspects of soft tissue surgery, particularly gastrointestinal and oncologic procedures. She has a special interest in pain management and critical care. Dr. Frey's little princess is a Pomeranian named "Pouf!" whose favorite hobbies are spinning in circles, playing fetch and attacking socks!



OUR MISSION

We are Veterinary Surgical Centers, a dedicated, professional and compassionate team of veterinary surgeons and professionals who partner with family veterinarians and other specialists to provide 24-hour care and unparalleled advanced surgical services to the San Francisco Bay Area.

OUR OPERATING PRINCIPLES

- We partner with 24-hour facilities in Berkeley and Dublin, in addition to providing mobile surgical services.
- We will expand our medical centers to accommodate the veterinary surgical needs of the San Francisco Bay Area.
- We help our pet owners and referring veterinarians make well informed decisions by providing thorough diagnostics, education and innovative surgical solutions.
- We provide proactive, timely and accurate communication to our pet owning clientele.

OUR VALUES

- We believe in the dignity and value that animals add to our lives.
- We believe in upholding the unique and cherished bond between pet owners and their family veterinarian.
- We believe that both family veterinarians and pet owners should be able to meet us face-to-face before allowing our doctors to perform surgery on their pets.
- We apply these same values to ourselves, our own pets, and the pets under our care
- We honor the opportunity to share these services with you.

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