



## Understanding Your Pet's Condition

Learning that your pet may need surgery can be overwhelming. Understanding the diagnosis helps you make confident, informed decisions.

### What To Ask Your Surgeon:

- ✓ What condition does my pet have?
- ✓ Why is surgery the best option?
- ✓ Are there alternatives to surgery?
- ✓ What will happen if we don't treat this surgically?

### Common Surgical Conditions:

- ✓ Orthopedic: Torn ligaments (e.g., ACL/CCL), fractures, luxating patella.
- ✓ Soft Tissue: Tumor removal, foreign body, hernia repair.
- ✓ Dental/Oral: Tooth extractions, oral tumor removal.

### Helpful Tips:

- ✓ Feel free to request visual aids, radiographs, or written handouts.
- ✓ Take notes or bring someone with you to the appointment.
- ✓ Don't be afraid to ask for a second opinion.

**When you understand your pet's condition and the rationale for surgery, the path forward becomes much clearer.**

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