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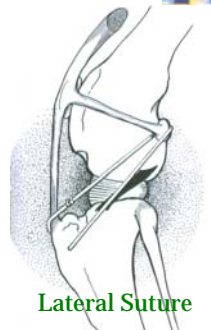
# Cruciate Ligament Repairs

**C**ranial cruciate ligament ruptures are the most common orthopedic injuries treated at *Vetcision*. There have been a few additions to the treatment options over the last couple of years including TTA, TightRope, and medical treatments. The following recommendations are based upon our experience with thousands of patients. The standard of care for cruciate surgery used to be the lateral fabellar suture technique. At *Vetcision* we can make patients comfortable with this technique, but we can not consistently get the patient back to full performance function. Since 1997 the TPLO procedure has been performed at *Vetcision*. The TPLO procedure allows us to get patients back to pre-injury performance. With our extensive experience treating cruciate ligament injuries, we have not experienced the rate of complications reported by other hospitals. Go to our website for more information on the latest cranial cruciate ligament treatment options including TPLO, TTA and TightRope surgery.



## Patients 10-35 pounds

Patients < 20 pounds may not need surgery if they show significant signs of improvement within 2 weeks of injury and do not have signs of meniscal injuries. We perform the *TPLO* procedure or *Lateral Suture* stabilization with equal success. Patients with steep tibial slopes (>30°) may do better with a TPLO.



## Patients 35-60 pounds

We offer both *TPLO* and *Lateral Suture* repair for the dogs in this weight group. If the dog is a performance/working dog, or the owner wants to maximize the potential for a good functional outcome, we recommend the TPLO.



## Patients 60-250+ pounds

We strongly recommend the *TPLO* repair for all dogs in this weight group. But the *Lateral Suture* can be performed. We recommend the TPLO repair exclusively for Rottweilers and Pit Bull Terriers.



For more information about cruciate ligament repairs go to [www.vetcision.com](http://www.vetcision.com) or call us at 781-810-1010.