

Preparing for your pet's TPLO

Getting a TPLO surgery for your pet doesn't have to be scary or stressful! We'll help you make sure the entire process goes as smoothly as possible.

The following are some pre-surgery tips to help prepare your pet:

- **Bathing and grooming**

It's best to have your pet bathed or groomed and dried prior to the day of the surgery, as the surgical incision cannot become wet for at least 2-3 weeks after surgery. Any dirt, moisture, or other material on your pet will increase the risk of infection following surgery.

- **Tools**

Some tools can be very helpful to have prepared prior to your pet's surgery. These include, but are not limited to:



A doggy sling, especially for larger dogs. This one is from Orvis, but any brand will do.



A hard plastic cone. This, we will provide for you on the day of surgery.



*Donut cones are **NOT** reliable unless used **WITH** a hard plastic cone.*

- **Environment**

For the first 2-4 weeks after surgery, your pet should not run, jump (including stairs or furniture), play, or have much activity at all. Brief, less than 5-minute leash walks to potty are the only activity allowed. Preparing your pet's environment for this will be important. Some recommendations include (you can have one or more of the following):

- Large crate or kennel (just enough to stand up and turn around with a cone on)
- A leash
- Baby gates to section off an area of the house

We're here for you! Please reach out if you have any other questions or concerns before the big day!