

Shaw Pet Hospitals is pleased to announce that we are now able to offer Tibial Plateau Leveling Osteotomy (TPLO) surgery to your special clients.

Dr. Nick Shaw is taking cases by referral for this exciting, advanced orthopedic treatment. After completing his training and certification with Slocum Enterprises he has been advancing his technique and gaining confidence with his patients and is now able to accept referrals for this procedure.

If you wish more information or to arrange a surgical consultation or referral please call (250)-652-4312

Shaw Pet Hospitals
3 Locations to serve you

Central Saanich Animal Hospital
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Special Surgical
Client Information

Tibial Plateau Leveling Osteotomy

**Now available at
Central Saanich
Animal Hospital
with the referral of
your veterinarian.**

TPLO: Why you should choose this for your pet

This highly technical procedure involves rotating the tibial plateau using a specially designed radial saw blade and a contoured bone plate to counter anterior tibial thrust. Surgeons must be specially trained and some, including Dr. Shaw, are licensed by Slocum Enterprises, the company created by Dr. Barclay Slocum, the inventor of the procedure.

Your pet relies on you for their care. This procedure greatly increases their chance at a full recovery with less post-surgical issues when homecare is followed correctly.

Compared to other techniques TPLO results in

- A more rapid recovery
- Better range of motion
- Development of less arthritis
- Better return to athletic or working activity especially in larger dogs.



This is Stella. She is a 5 year old lab X. She weights 52 kg.

We performed a TPLO on her left stifle in June of 2006.

Her owner was so pleased that when she blew her right ACL, we got to fix that one too.



Here is the post op radiograph of her right stifle from July of 2007. After both the left and right procedures, Stella was weight bearing the next day. She is doing very well with both surgeries and has had no complications.

Recovery expectations from a TPLO procedure

- 50% will start to walk on limb within 24 hours and within 5 days most patients will be weight bearing
- Radiographs taken 8 weeks postoperatively should reveal healing of site.
- At 4 months most exercise can be restarted. At 6 months back to full working activities

Potential Complications

- Patellar Ligament Desmitis
- Fracture of tibial crest or fibula
- Implant Failure (The use of newer plate and screw technology such as the Synthes Limited Contact Plate has reduced the incidence of implant failures to minimal)
- Infection
- Tearing of meniscus