

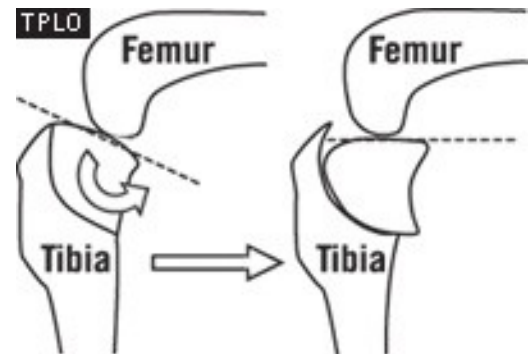
# Tibial Plateau Leveling Osteotomy (TPLO)

One of the chief functions of the cranial cruciate ligament is to prevent forward sliding on the tibia bone, also known as drawer motion. Rupture of this ligament leads to debilitating lameness.

The TPLO surgery compared to other techniques results in:

- Faster recovery
- superior range of motion of the joint
- minimal development of arthritis
- return to athletic or working activity

The TPLO surgery has a steep learning curve - choose an experienced surgeon.



## Recovery & Results

- **24 Hours** - In our experience, about 50% of dogs will start to walk on the limb within 24 hours after surgery.
- **5 days** after surgery, most dogs will begin weight-bearing on the operated limb.
- **2 weeks** after surgery, a moderate amount of weight-bearing can be expected. *This is almost unheard of with other knee-stabilizing surgery techniques.*
- **6 weeks** after surgery, exercise in the form of leash walks can be gradually increased each week.
- **8-9 weeks** after surgery most restrictions of exercise can be lifted. Full working activities (hunting, agility, etc) can begin at **10-12 weeks** after surgery.

Canine Rehabilitation is **STRONGLY** recommended for best results.

Prices vary mostly based on the size of the pet. We will be happy to provide an estimate after speaking with you.

**If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call us at 321-725-5365.**