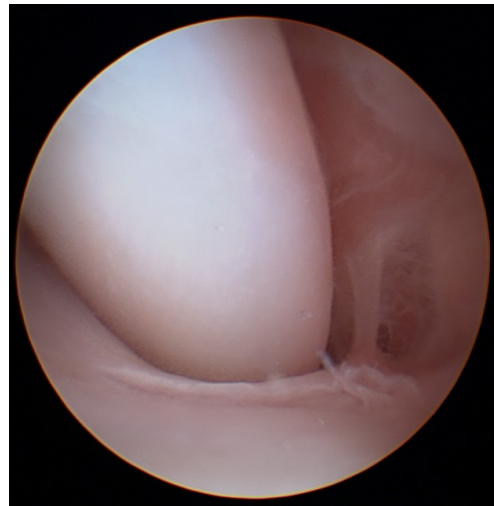


- The use of arthroscopy in small animals has become much more common, allowing for significant improvements in the diagnosis and treatment of many orthopedic conditions.
- Arthroscopy is minimally invasive - causing less morbidity and leading to accelerated recoveries compared to open arthrotomy techniques. The decreased morbidity allows for the treatment of 2 or more joints when indicated.
- Arthroscopy enhances visualization through magnification and intense illumination allowing for increased precision. The continuous irrigation also allows for a continuously clear surgical field.
- An arthroscope's small size also allows its placement into various joint compartments that would not be visible through a single arthrotomy.
- Arthroscopy carries a very low risk of only minor complications.
- The joints that can be examined and treated arthroscopically are the shoulder, elbow, carpus, hip, stifle and tarsus.
- Arthroscopy has had a particularly significant impact in the diagnosis and treatment of lameness in the forelimb.
- Some of the diseases that can be diagnosed and treated arthroscopically include osteochondritis dissecans (shoulder, elbow, stifle, tarsus), biceps tenosynovitis, medial genohumeral instability, fragmented medial coronoid process, cruciate ligament disease and meniscal injuries.



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