

PYODERMA POLICY

- Surgery is NOT recommended if the pet has active pyoderma.
 - Pyoderma can increase the risk of implant associated infection
- Skin should be very closely inspected at the time of exam and pre-op radiographs
 - This may include partially shaving the leg, flank and hip area
 - Be careful to avoid clipper burn
- If pyoderma is present, pet must be treated to minimize the risk of implant associated infection
 - Cephalexin (22 mg/kg TID or 30 mg/kg BID) or Cefpodoxime
 - 2 weeks before surgery and 1 week after
 - +/- Medicated shampoos with Chlorhexidine shampoo
 - Bathe 2-3 times per week
 - Lather well, soak 10-15 minutes while lathering, rinse well
 - If pyoderma persists with this treatment
 - Consider pustule culture, if possible
 - Doxycycline 10 mg/kg BID with food and water
 - Evaluate for other co-morbidities such as atopy (and begin treatment)
- Surgery may be cancelled if pyoderma is found during surgical prep
 - This would entail a \$200 cancellation fee
- Any other infections should also be resolved prior to surgery with implants
 - UTI, ear infection, wounds, anal sacculitis
 - *Exceptions are made with fracture repair or trauma cases*