

## **Gastropexy-Tacking of the stomach to the body wall**

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Benefits of the laparoscopic surgery:

- \* Shorter surgery and anesthesia time
- \* Less pain
- \* Quicker recovery
- \* Prevents life-threatening twist of stomach
- \* Less expensive than treating life-threatening GDV
- \* Patient can go home on the day of the procedure

### **Indications**

\* Gastric volvulus and dilation (GDV) or bloat is a common life-threatening condition that affects many large breeds of dogs; for information on GDV look at GDV web page. This condition involves distention of the stomach usually with gas and twisting of the stomach

\* Why wait until the life-threatening condition has occurred? A preventative minimally invasive procedure is now available for your pet

\* Breeds that are susceptible to GDV and should be considered for the preventative procedure

- o Great Danes - one in four Danes will bloat in their lifetime
- o Irish Wolf Hounds
- o German Shepherds
- o Standard Poodles
- o Blood Hounds

### **Laparoscopic surgery**

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\* A scope is inserted into the belly cavity

\* An instrument port is made on the front right side of the abdomen and the right side of the stomach is picked up with a laparoscopic instrument

\* The instrument port incision is enlarged to 1 1/2 inches and the stomach is sutured to the right body wall

\* ON THE WEBSITE Below is a photo of laparoscopic surgery being performed; the surgery is visualized on the monitor as it is being performed

Benefits of the laparoscopic surgery over open surgery

- \* Shorter surgery and anesthesia time
- \* Minimally invasive
- \* Two small incisions therefore less scarring
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