

Gastropexy-Tacking of the stomach to the body wall

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- * 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

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