



Lump Removal/Laceration Repair/ Wound Exploration

WHAT THE PROCEDURE INVOLVES:

LUMP REMOVAL: Making an incision into the skin surrounding the mass and removing it.

LACERATION REPAIR/WOUND EXPLORATION: Cleaning the edges of the wound, flushing the wound, and surgically repairing the wound.

Potential Complications (during surgery and/or during recovery)

- Hemorrhage (excessive bleeding)
- Dehiscence (sutures coming undone)
- Swelling/inflammation at the incision site
- Seroma (a pocket of fluid)
- Infection
- Slow/delayed recovery

Potential Anesthetic Complications (if anesthesia is required)

- Airway irritation
- Low blood pressure
- Hypothermia/hyperthermia
- Cardiovascular collapse
- Respiratory depression
- Gastric reflux
- Aspiration pneumonia
- Hypoxic brain damage
- Embolism
- Death

Recovery Time

Your pet will be monitored closely during surgery and as it awakens from sedation or anesthesia. Typically, pets go home the same day of surgery. Your pet will go home with instructions for at-home care and exercise restrictions.

A second surgical procedure may be needed if a mass is not completely resected, if tissue becomes necrotic (dead), or if complications occur both during recovery, or once your pet is sent home.

