

VCA West Los Angeles Animal Hospital **NEWS**



VCA West Los Angeles Animal Hospital launches Total Hip Replacement Program!

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VCA West Los Angeles Animal Hospital is excited to announce we are now offering Total Hip Replacement (THR) as a treatment for coxofemoral joint disease as a means of restoring normal joint function and to eliminate pain.

THR is a highly successful procedure that is used in patients ranging from 5 months to 16 years of age. The procedure can be performed in animals ranging from 5 to 180 lbs. and has been performed in 99 breeds to date. THR materials are available in sixteen sizes to insure a custom fit for each dog or cat.

The most common indication for THR is hip dysplasia with secondary arthritis. However, other indications include hip luxation, capital physeal fractures, femoral neck fractures, mal-union of acetabular fractures, femoral fractures with secondary arthritis, pain following previously performed femoral head and neck ostectomy, and rarely neoplasia.

Dogs that receive THR can lead a normal life. The few exceptions include avoiding very strenuous exercise such as catching Frisbees, fly ball competition, racing, exhausting hunts in rugged terrain, and pulling heavy loads.

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Dr. Kevin Haynes and Dr. William Liska, DACVS will be heading up the THR program at VCA West LA. Dr. Haynes recently joined the VCA West Los Angeles Animal Hospital surgery department after completing a residency at the University of Minnesota where he developed a strong interest in orthopedics, arthroscopy, and joint replacement. Dr. William Liska and his Global Veterinary Specialists team join Dr. Haynes in bringing this program to Los Angeles. Dr. Liska has performed over 1800 total hip replacements in his career and has been a leader in the field of THR with numerous publications and book chapters to his credit. He has been an instructor for the THR courses and consulted in product development for the BioMedtrix total hip replacement implants. He will be joining Dr. Haynes for the surgical procedures at VCA West Los Angeles Animal Hospital.

Dr. Liska has measured his success in terms of both short and long term outcomes. At this point, we expect about 98% of dogs that receive THR to continue to be fully functional for at least 10 years or the remainder of their life span. Under normal conditions, hip replacements do not “wear out”.

If you have any questions regarding THR or have clinical cases or radiographs of potential patients for THR, please contact Kevin Haynes, DVM at Kevin.Haynes@vca.com or our referral department at 310-473-2951. Dr. Haynes works Wednesday through Saturday and is available for appointments on Wednesdays and Fridays to evaluate your orthopedic cases.

We look forward to providing this new service to our referring community and your clients and patients.

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