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Specialist Surgery, Cancer Care and Imaging for Animals

Please fast your pet from 10 pm the night before the appointment unless directed otherwise.

Reason for referral: _____ Date: _____

Referring hospital name: _____ Dr.: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Hospital email: _____

Referred client name: _____

Client telephone number: _____ (mobile) _____

Patient name: _____ Age: _____

Relevant clinical findings/
diagnosis: _____

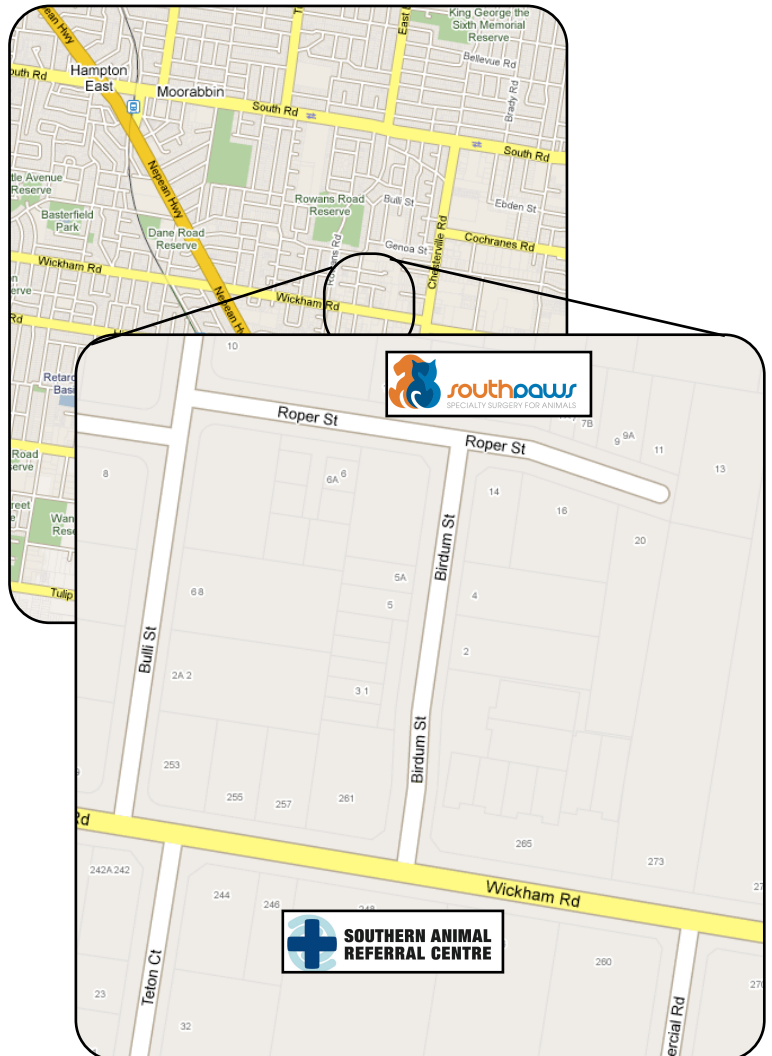
Referred for:

Diagnosis

Recommendations

Treatment

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Why have the surgery performed by SouthPaws Specialty Surgery for Animals?

At Southpaws, we pride ourselves in excellence, compassion, integrity and experience. You can be assured that we will do everything in our power to achieve a great outcome. Southpaws is one of Victoria's premier surgery, cancer care and imaging facilities for animals.

At Southpaws, all patients have onsite 24-hour monitoring after surgery. This means that issues including administering pain relief, addressing toileting needs and making sure your pet is clean and dry are attended-to promptly as they occur. Because we limit the number of patients having surgery on any one day, you can rest assured that your pet's needs are addressed and the nurse will not be distracted by emergencies or by having too many patients under his/her care.

Anaesthesia

At Specialty Surgery for Animals, we put great emphasis on having safe and effective anaesthesia. We have received comments from human anaesthetists that our practices here rival those in human hospitals. In achieving that end, we have the best equipment that money can buy for monitoring and administering anaesthesia. All patients are placed on a ventilator and have vital signs including electrocardiography, pulse oximetry, thermography, blood pressure and capnography measured, as well as inspired oxygen, tidal volume, minute volume and airway pressure. The use of an epidural markedly reduces the requirement for anaesthetic drugs in patients having hindlimb and abdominal procedures.

Pain relief

Specifically relating to pain relief, we think that the belief that animals need to feel some pain to keep them from injuring themselves is cruel and archaic. In the ideal situation, **the patient feels no postoperative pain at all**. All patients having hindlimb surgery can receive an epidural which provides complete pain relief throughout the surgery and for 24 hours after surgery. During this time period, a narcotic is administered as-needed for additional pain relief. They also receive a narcotic patch which provides time-released pain relief for 4 days postoperatively. All patients are administered antiinflammatories for the postoperative period and can be prescribed other oral medication if needed as well.

Patient warming

Patient hypothermia is a common complication of general anaesthesia. Preventing hypothermia has many benefits. These include increased patient comfort, reduction in infection

rates, more rapid recovery from anaesthesia, and a greater rate of healing and recovery. Here at Southpaws, we go to great lengths to make sure that your pets stays warm during and after surgery. These include short operative time, avoidance of drugs which cause hypothermia and low blood pressure, close monitoring of anaesthetic depth, active patient warming using a heated surgical table and forced warm air, the use of heated blankets, and making sure that your pet stays clean and dry during and after surgery.

Biography:

Charles graduated from the University of Florida in 1990. He then did an internship at the Animal Medical Center in New York City. He completed a residency and Master's degree in surgery at Virginia Tech in 1994 and achieved specialty board certification in surgery in 1996. He did a one year fellowship in cardiovascular research and surgery. He completed a fellowship in surgical oncology at Colorado State University, and is one of 20 people world wide to have received this training. He was then a professor of Orthopedic Surgery at Colorado State University before he left for Northern Virginia where he started a surgical referral practice which was among the busiest in the Washington DC area. Charles moved to Australia 5 years ago and is the director of SouthPaws Specialty Surgery for Animals in Melbourne.

Charles has published many scientific articles, summary articles, abstracts, proceedings and book chapters on topics of surgical oncology and general and orthopaedic surgery. He was the chairperson of the oncology section of the National Meeting of the American College of Veterinary Surgeons. He is the section editor of the oncology section of the current edition of Slatter's Textbook of Small Animal Surgery. He was the surgical expert on panel discussions of feline vaccine associated soft tissue sarcomas at recent meetings of the American College of Veterinary Surgeons and the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine. He was asked to write a chapter for a human surgical oncology textbook in bone cancer because of his reputation and expertise in cancer surgery. He started and currently runs Australia's first deep radiation therapy unit for animals. He has 5 United States patents for devices used in the treatment of diseases in animals. He has personally operated on over 5,000 patients with cancer with local cure rates of over 95%. Charles has been seen on "Talk to the Animals", "Animal ER", "A Current Affair", "National Nine News", "The Today Show" as well as numerous appearances on ABC radio. He receives referrals from all over Australia and consultations by phone and email world-wide.