



# CHESAPEAKE VETERINARY SURGICAL SPECIALISTS

*SINCE 1992, Chesapeake Veterinary Surgical Specialists has proudly served the Greater Baltimore, Annapolis, Southern Pennsylvania, Northern Virginia and Eastern Shore regions. Our two facilities are conveniently located in Annapolis and Towson, Maryland.*



**Endoscopy** means to look inside and **Laparoscopy** refers to minimally invasive surgery of the abdominal cavity. Instead of a traditional, large, "open" incision, only two or three small incisions are made. The abdomen is distended with carbon dioxide and a small series of lenses (scope) attached to a camera is used to give high definition, detailed images of organs. Small instruments are used to manipulate, biopsy or cauterize tissues.

## WHY CHOOSE LAPAROSCOPY?

Laparoscopy has been shown to:

- Reduce tissue trauma
- Reduce hospital stays
- Decrease post-operative pain
- Results in faster recovery times
- Provide superior visualization

## What procedures can be performed laparoscopically?

Frequently performed laparoscopic surgeries include:

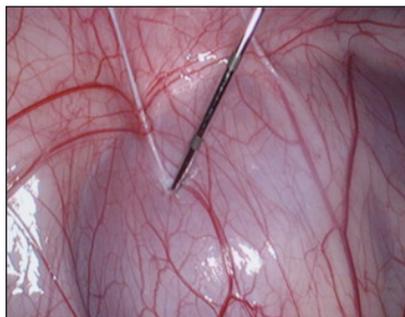
- Liver biopsy, renal biopsy
- Ovariectomy and ovariohysterectomy
- Laparoscopic assisted gastro-intestinal biopsy
- Gastropexies (used to prevent stomach torsion)
- Feeding tube placement

Other applications:

- Adrenal tumor removal
- Gall bladder removal
- Kidney removal



Liver biopsy



Renal biopsy



Gastropexy

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## PRIOR TO SURGERY

You will meet with the surgeon and discuss specific details related to your pet's needs. Pre-anesthetic blood work is generally required within 2 weeks of surgery to ensure the safest possible anesthesia.

**No food is to be given after 8pm the night prior to surgery.**



## AFTER SURGERY

Your pet will be given pain medications and, as needed, intravenous fluids overnight until your pet is eating and drinking voluntarily. Patients are closely monitored at all times by a veterinary technician and a doctor is present 24 hours a day.

Most pets go home the day after surgery. Exercise is restricted to house confinement, with short leash walks for bathroom breaks 2-3 times per day. An e-collar will be provided to prevent your pet licking or chewing at the sutures or staples which have been placed in the skin.

Ten to fourteen days after surgery your pet will be rechecked by the surgeon.



## Anesthesia Risks and Complications

In both humans and animals there are always anesthetic risks including the potential for an unexpected fatality. However, these risks are extremely low. If you choose laparoscopy the surgeon will endeavor to perform the procedure in a minimally invasive manner but if there is an unexpected finding or complication, the surgeon will convert to a traditional "open" procedure as necessary.

Complications during laparoscopy are rare and vary depending on the procedure being performed. The most common complication is redness and bruising around the incision sites, which resolves within 10-14 days.

*At Chesapeake Veterinary Surgical Specialists we strive to provide the best in patient care. All of our patients have 24-hour care provided by both experienced veterinarians and registered veterinary technicians.*

*More questions?*

*Feel free to ask your surgeon or call us at 410-224-0121*