

Improving Pain Control Following Front Limb Amputation in **DOGS**



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■ What is the purpose?

- The purpose of this study is to determine if a local anesthetic provides pain control and reduces the amount of opioid pain medication needed for patients undergoing front limb amputation compared with dogs not receiving the local anesthetic in their amputation surgical wounds.

■ What are you looking for?

- Dogs that were diagnosed with cancer in one of the front legs and received a recommendation for amputation as part of their cancer treatment.
- We are unable to accept dogs that cannot walk before amputation.
- To see if your dog can take part in the study, we will need to run blood and urine analyses, do an orthopedic and neurologic exam, and take a one minute video recorded walking test.

■ What will happen in this trial?

- Owner completion of a brief survey about chronic pain before and after amputation
- Multiple pain evaluations before and after surgery
- Amputation of one of the front legs to remove the tumor (standard treatment for the cancer diagnosis)
- A video recorded walking test every 12 hours after surgery while hospitalized

■ Why should my dog participate?

- Taking part in this study may help to better control pain following your dog's surgery.
- The study will cover the part of the surgery, 1 day of hospitalization and all pain medications.

■ What would I need to do?

- Bring your dog to all scheduled appointments.
- Cover the costs of the cancer diagnosis and initial blood/urine analysis, remaining hospitalization
- Cover the costs for any medical treatment needed if any adverse events occur while your dog was taking part in the study.

Interested?
Contact us!

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