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Canine Small Joint OATS Set for Chondral Defects

The OATS difference – (Osteochodral Autograft Transfer System)

Presurgical equipment preparation and sterilization for the treatment of osteochondral defects is now eliminated with the Arthrex Single Use OATS System. This unique, comprehensive disposable system contains everything a surgeon needs for autograft osteochondral transplantation of 6, 8 or 10 mm diameter cores. In addition to ergonomic, color-coded donor and recipient harvesters, each sterile set contains size-specific instrumentation such as an Alignment Rod, Tamp, threaded or push-in core delivery caps and a clear graft Delivery Tube that allows for full visualization of the autogenous core during implantation. The Single Use OATS System is a reliable, cost-effective and immediate treatment solution during any intraoperative osteochondral defect diagnosis.

Features and Benefits

Sterile, All-Inclusive Kits

- No presurgery equipment preparation and sterilization necessary
- No capital equipment expense required
- Reduces inventory
- Available for intraoperative diagnosis and treatment decisions

High Quality, Lightweight Materials

- Ergonomic harvesters are well balanced
- Lightweight for superior tactile feel and control

Simple to Use

- Harvester instrumentation color-coded
- Size-specific kit based on recipient socket diameter measured by an appropriate size Sizer/Tamp
- Clear graft Delivery Tube enhances visibility and implantation control

Two Core Delivery Options

- Threaded Core Extruder for gentle, nonimpacted delivery
- Graft Impaction Bar for impaction delivery option

Broad Range of Sizes Available

• Sets come in 6, 8, and 10 mm

- Value
- Low profile, space-efficient, sterile
- Reduces inventory requirement
- · Economically priced for today's cost-sensitive environment



University of Minnesota – Veterinary Continuing Education– November 15 & 16

These workshops will provide practical, hands-on instruction on 1) treatment for cranial cruciate ligament ruptures and 2) a cost effective, technically simple method of fracture stabilization. In the workshop offered on Saturday, you will learn the surgical approach and tibial plateau leveling technique using novel instrumentation that was developed by Dr. Erick Thorsgard and is marketed by Innovative Animal Products. There will be practical information presented in a series of short lectures followed by a closely instructed wet lab. The lab will use both plastic sawbones and cadaveric limbs. You will have an opportunity to develop your skills under the supervision of highly experienced experts. On Sunday, a workshop on interlocking nailing for internal fracture fixation will be offered. This course will include a series of short lectures with practical information on the nailing instrumentation and application to long bone fractures, again followed by wet labs offering the opportunity to apply this fixation method to plastic bone and cadaveric limbs with long bone fractures.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: University of Minnesota - Continuing Veterinary Education TO REGISTER: <u>secure online registration</u>

TIGHTROPE CCL: Treatment for cranial cruciate ligament deficiencies in dogs



The TightRope CCL technique was developed to provide a **minimally invasive** method for **extracapsular stabilization** of the cranial cruciate ligament-deficient canine stifle. It also addresses a number of issues with current cranial cruciate ligament (CCL) reconstructions. The TightRope CCL device seeks to optimize the lateral suture stabilization technique by employing bone-to-bone fixation, superior construct strength and stiffness designed specifically for ligament repair, and a method for consistent isometric implant placement.

The components of TightRope CCL consist of a stainless steel toggle button, a round suture button and FiberTape. FiberTape is an ultra-high strength tape utilizing a structure similar to FiberWire suture. The weave of the FiberTape allows for smooth, atraumatic passing through tissue and bone, and desirable tying characteristics. Testing has shown FiberTape to have an ultimate load of 225 lbs. and high stiffness characteristics.

The TightRope CCL technique is minimally invasive, relatively easy to perform, and cost-effective in comparison to TPLO. TightRope can be successfully performed in medium, large, and giant breed dogs with CCL deficiency and result in 6-month outcomes which are as good as or better than TPLO in terms of function and radiographic progression of osteoarthritis. Note: TightRope is not recommended in dogs which may have compromised connective tissue healing.

Arthrex Vet Systems is pleased to announce the launch of the **TightRope® CCL Canine Cranial Cruciate Ligament (CCL) Stabilization Labs**. These labs will provide a didactic section covering the principles of the Tightrope® CCL materials, technique, a step-by-step presentation of the surgical technique, and presentation of data regarding the clinical results of the technique from a prospective cohort (TPLO) study in canine patients. The laboratory sessions will include a dry lab demonstration of the technique by the instructor(s) showing the technique as performed on sawbones. The participants will then receive hands-on training in a wet-lab period in which each person can perform the technique on a cadaveric canine stifle. **CE Credits available.**

<u>CE COURSE:</u> Joint Stabilization Lectures & Wet Labs featuring Arthrex Vet Systems suture anchors and materials

- Learn and practice the concept, techniques and instrumentation of selected joint stabilization procedures in the canine cadaver pelvic limb
- Repair cranial cruciate ligament (CrCL) tears, collateral ligament disruption, patellar luxation, tarsal collateral ligament injury using easy-to-learn techniques and the latest specialized implant
- Practice the application of suture anchors and a novel suture material. Upon completion of this course, the participants should be able to show an increased expertise and confidence in treating unstable or luxated pelvic limb joints including CrCL disruption, patellar luxation and collateral ligament injury
- Lecture will be open to the first 100 participants, but the 8 hours of hands-on wet lab exercises using pelvic

limb cadaver will be limited to 32 participants

• Surgical brochure available: www.arthrexvetsystems.com/int/products/index.cfm

Sponsored by: Innovative Animal Products and Arthrex Vet Systems To Register: http://arthrexvetsystems.com/en/labs/index.cfm Fee: \$950 (12 CE Credits)

Marietta, GA – <u>Nov 1-2nd</u> New York, NY – <u>Dec 13-14th</u> (See registration website for location details and agendas.)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS.....

October 16-19 – Wisconsin VMA Conference - Madison WI Innovative Animal Products booth

October 22 - Basic Arthroscopy Course at ACVS - San Diego, CA

November 1 & 2 - Joint Stabilization Course - Marietta, GA

November 15 – NEW CCL Tightrope CE Course - Marietta, GA Instructors - Dr. Robert Cook, Dr. Antonio Pozzi

November 15 & 16 – TPLO and Interlocking Nail CE Course - University of MN, Minneapolis, MN Instructors - Dr. Liz Pluhar, Dr. Greg Anderson

December 13 & 14 - Joint Stabilization CE Course -New York, NY Instructors- Dr. Brian Beale, Dr. Don Hulse

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