

## What's the BUZZ about TightRope CCL??

### TIGHTROPE CCL FOR TREATMENT OF CRANIAL CRUCIATE DEFICIENCY IN DOGS



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#### Why was it developed?

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.

#### What is it?

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.

#### What are the advantages?

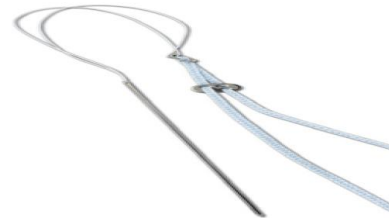
The TightRope CCL technique is minimally invasive, relatively easy to perform, and cost-effective in comparison to TPLO. TightRope can be successfully performed in medium, large, and giant breed dogs with CCL deficiency and result in 6-month outcomes which are as good as or better than TPLO in terms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

#### About the courses:

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.**

**More information:** <http://www.arthrexvetsystems.com/en/>. **Surgical brochure:** [Tightrope CCL](#)

<a href="#">Boston TightRope CCL Stabilization Lab</a>	<a href="#">Atlanta TightRope CCL Stabilization Lab</a>
When: Saturday, October 4, 2008 8 AM - 3:30 PM	When: Saturday, November 15, 2008 8 AM - 3:30 PM
Where: Peabody Boston Marriott 8A Centennial Drive Peabody, MA 01960	Where: Marietta Resort and Conference Center 500 Powder Spring Street Marietta, GA
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**There's still time to sign up for Boston!**

**CE COURSE: 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](http://www.arthrexvetsystems.com/int/products/index.cfm)

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**To Register:** <http://arthrexvetsystems.com/en/labs/index.cfm>

**Fee:** \$950 (12 CE Credits)

**Boston, MA – Sept 20-21<sup>st</sup>**

**Marietta, GA – Nov 1-2<sup>nd</sup>**

**New York, NY – Dec 13-14<sup>th</sup>**

(See registration website for location details and agendas.)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS.....

September 14 – Introduction to Arthroscopy – Boston, MA

September 20 & 21 – Joint Stabilization CE Course - Boston, MA  
Instructors - Dr. Brian Beale, Dr. Don Hulse

September 27 & 28 – TPLO and Interlocking Nail CE Course -Toronto, Canada  
Instructors – Dr. Liz Pluhar, Dr. Greg Anderson

October 4 – NEW CCL Tightrope CE Course - Boston, MA  
Instructors - Dr. Jimi Cook, Dr. Chad Davitt

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 22 & 23 – 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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