News You Can Use from Your Partner for Orthopedic Solutions

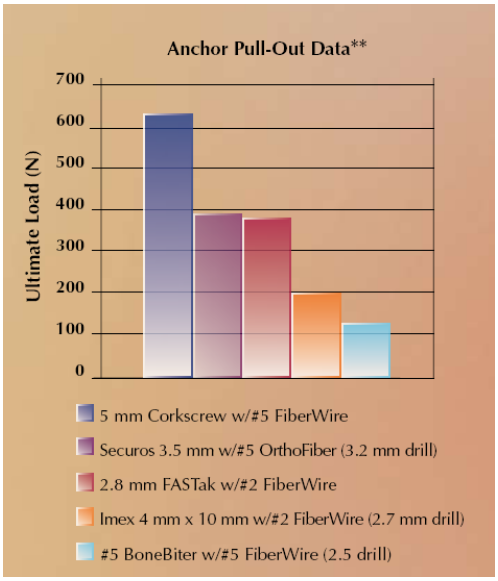
Good day, Everyone! We have just returned from another successful Arthrex **"Introduction to Small Animal Arthroscopy Lab"** in Atlanta. We had 12 participants and received excellent reviews! We are in the process of finalizing our CE Course Calendar for next year and hope to add both **Intermediate and Advanced Arthroscopy** courses to our educational agenda for 2010. Stay tuned!

Please stop by our booth #1201 at **ACVS** in October this year! We have some new products including the unique FIXIN Conical Coupling Internal Fixator which we are now representing to the U.S. Veterinary Market. There are still spots open in the **Fracture Repair Using the Fixin™ Locking Plate System Course at ACVS on Wed, October 7th**. Please see here for more information and to register: www.acvs.org.

Featured Solution

Novel Techniques for Treating Cranial Cruciate Ligament Tears in Dogs and Cats

CCL Repair Suture Anchor System



Ligament Reconstruction with Arthrex Suture Anchors

Arthrex Suture Anchor Systems can be used effectively for CCL reconstructions, collateral ligament injuries, hip dislocations, tarsus stabilizations, biceps repairs and many other surgical procedures where soft tissue needs to be reattached to bone or stabilized. The low profile suture anchors are made from titanium and are preloaded onto a disposable driver with FiberWire. The unique design of the Arthrex anchors, along with FiberWire suture, provides the strongest suture anchor construct in the veterinary market. This unique suture anchor design provides the highest strength possible in all types of indications and makes technically demanding procedures **simpler, safer, and reproducible**.

The **5.0mm Corkscrew** suture anchor comes packed sterile and preloaded with either one strand of #5 FiberWire or two strands of #2 FiberWire. It incorporates a small minor diameter and a cancellous screw thread design for maximizing pull-out strength in bone. The sharp, conical tip of the anchor ensures positioning on the bone and ease of starting with minimal effort. This design has created a suture anchor combination with the highest pull-out strength of any anchor system on the market.

The **2.8 mm FASTak** suture anchors are packed sterile and preloaded with one strand of #2 FiberWire. These anchors are also available without the driver and FiberWire suture. Great for small animals and reconstructions where a small ligament needs reattaching.

FiberWire suture is a multi-stranded long chain ultra high molecular weight polyethelene core with a polyester braided jacket. This gives FiberWire its superior strength, soft feel, unequalled abrasion resistance, and low profile knots.

See the surgical video! View the NEW Anchor System Video online at ***www.arthrexvetsystems.com*** and get more information on this and other high quality products, upcoming surgical labs and surgical technique guides.

Arthrex Suture Anchor Labs – LAST 2009 COURSE! - November 14th – LA

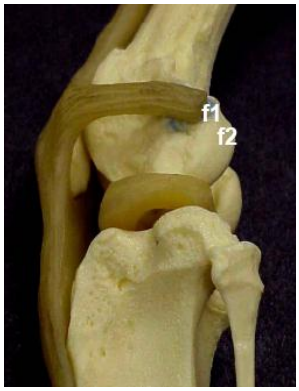
The objective of these courses is to provide in-depth exposure to common rear limb instability problems veterinary practitioners experience in daily practice. The 1-day course includes presentations, dry labs, and wet labs focusing on the stifle. The primary focus of this course is to familiarize the participants with the isometric points on the femur and tibia for anchor and bone tunnel placement for CCL reconstruction, however, the following treatments are also covered:

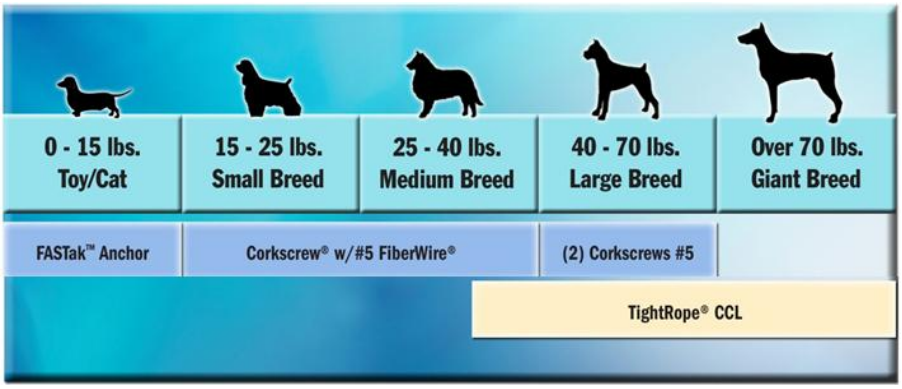
- Lateral approach to stifle joint, examination and identification of intra-articular structures
- Probing and identification of medial meniscal tear; excision of bucket handle tear, medial release
- Stabilization of the CrCL using suture anchors at the isometric position
- Medial patellar luxation repair: wedge/block recession, tibial crest transposition, medial release
- MCL repair of tarsus or stabilization of the CrCL using suture anchors at the isometric position

Click here to register or get more information: **REGISTRATION**

QUESTIONS COMMONLY ASKED

Where do I place my anchors when I'm using the 2-anchor technique on a 40-70lb large breed dog in order to maintain the best isometry? Answer: One at F1 and one at F2, each with #5 Fiberwire. Use a 2.5mm cannulated drill bit instead of the usual 2.0mm for the tibial tunnel. The rest of the procedure is essentially the same.





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Feline Jaw – clear material showing teeth	9191
Canine Jaw	9195
Canine Jaw – clear material showing teeth	9196

Clients find their pet's condition is easily understood when viewing our anatomically correct and accurate models. We carry a full line of veterinary models. Call for pricing!

Two-sided Canine Ear – normal and infected	9200

PRODUCT UPDATES

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TightRope CCL Multi-Site Clinical Data Update

For more than two years now, we have been collecting information from veterinarians that have sent in their clinical data on their TightRope patients. The August statistics have been released. **Please send for the complete report!** lisa@innovativeanimal.com

Product Update – New Configuration

TightRope has undergone a minor update to a preassembled double TightRope. The progression to the double TightRope was based primarily on its provision for intraoperative evaluation of optimal TightRope placement and tensioning. The first TightRope loop is temporarily tied and ROM, drawer, thrust and internal rotation are assessed to ensure that isometric placement has been accomplished with appropriate tensioning of the TightRope. The joint is cycled through multiple ROM's to ensure full seating of the device and any adjustments necessary can be made prior to final tying of both strands.

LEASE PROGRAMS

Lease program: Canine Arthroscopy Set

A comprehensive selection of specialty instrumentation to perform arthroscopic procedure on the stifle, elbow, shoulder, and hock. From Arthrex Vet Systems.

Rental: $400 plus shipping

COMING SOON! Lease program: Arthroscopy Tower

Very soon we will have a full **Arthrex Mobile Arthroscopy Tower** available for rent. Tower includes: Camera, Light source, Monitor, Water Pump, Shaver system, 2.7 and 1.9 scopes.

Rental: $750 per week plus shipping to and from your clinic
(Reservations required. Allow 2-3 days for shipping to your facility.)

Lease program: Original Interlocking Nail ® System

Average costs per procedure when using the lease program:

Rental of equipment: $275 - Interlocking Nail: $73 - Bolts (4): $60
Overnight Shipping: approx $60 (actual cost to be determined at time of shipping)
Total cost = approx $457.00 per procedure

If you use our lease program and then decide to purchase an Interlocking Nail System, the price of the new system will be reduced by $275.

VIDEOS AND ANIMATIONS

SURGICAL TECHNIQUE ANIMATIONS AND VIDEOS

Arthrex Media Center Updates!!
Check out the updated Arthrex Vet Systems Media Center for a **NEW Tightrope CCL technique animation** along with surgical videos for both the Tightrope CCL and CCL Anchor Repair Systems. Whitepapers, scientific articles and other resources are available as well.
www.arthrexvetsystems.com/en/mediacenter

Lab and Conference Schedule 2009-2010

Tightrope CCL – MINIMALLY INVASIVE TECHNIQUE FOR TREATING CCL INJURIES

Arthrex Vet Systems

This laboratory will provide a didactic section covering the principles of the Tightrope CCL materials and 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 period will includes hands-on training in a wet-lab period in which each person can perform the technique on a cadaveric canine stifle. Individuals signing up for this laboratory should be comfortable and experienced with performing aseptic exploratory arthrotomy or arthroscopy of the canine stifle, as well as traditional cruciate stabilization techniques.

2009 Tightrope CCL Labs

Date	Location	Exhibit/Lab
September 26 **FULL	Los Angeles, CA	TightRope
November 7 **FULL	Dallas, TX	TightRope
March 2, 2010	San Antonio	TightRope
April 24, 2010	Seattle	TightRope
July 17, 2010	Chicago	TightRope
Sept 11, 2010	Minneapolis	TightRope
Oct 9, 2010	Charlotte	TightRope
Nov 13, 2010	Los Angeles	TightRope

Click here: **www.arthrexvetsystems.com** to view an agenda and a listing of dates, locations, and to register for these courses.

NOVEL TECHNIQUES FOR TREATING CRANIAL CRUCIATE LIGAMENT TEARS AND THE MENISCUS IN DOGS AND CATS

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.

2009 Anchor CCL Repair System Labs

Date	Location	Exhibit/Lab
November 14	Los Angeles, CA	Anchor
Feb 14-18, 2010	Las Vegas	WVC/Anchor
Mar 20, 2010	Los Angeles	Anchor
May 23-28, 2010	Orlando	NAVC PGI/Anchor
Aug 7, 2010	Denver	Anchor
Sept 2010	San Antonio	SWVS/Anchor
Oct 2010	TX A&M College Station	Anchor

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BASIC SMALL ANIMAL ARTHROSCOPY

This course is an introduction to the basic technique of elbow and shoulder arthroscopy. Discussion of equipment needs and care, specific indications and methods to consistently achieve successful visualization and management of joint disorders will be discussed in a lecture format. Participants will learn to gain access to the elbow and shoulder, develop working portals and become familiar with instruments available for treatment of intra-articular lesions in a cadaver limb.

2009 Arthroscopy Labs

Date	Location	Exhibit/Lab
Apr 10, 2010	Scottsdale	Basic Arthroscopy
June 2010	Scottsdale	Resident Arthroscopy
July 24, 2010	Los Angeles - Ventura	Intermediate Arthroscopy

August 12-13, 2010	Naples, FL	VA3 Meeting Arthroscopy Advanced

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FIXIN

FIXIN – INTERNAL FIXATION SYSTEM
The course is designed to introduce the Veterinary Surgeon to the new FIXIN internal fixation system explaining mechanics innovation, instruments, implants, surgical technique, technical errors and possible complications; the goal is to prepare the surgeon to approach the system describing in detail the surgical procedure and the "tricks" to reach the desired performance. A series of case histories also shows a selection of clinical cases selected from over 600 applications in four years that highlight the flexibility and simplicity of the system and its way of working, the course also includes a workshop on plastic bones during which Surgeons can have a short but comprehensive experience with the FIXIN system.

2009 FIXIN Labs - Tentative

Date	Location	Exhibit/Lab
December 19th	New York, NY	FIXIN – Locking Supports
Jan 20, 2010	Atlanta	FIXIN – Locking Supports
Feb 6, 2010	Seattle	FIXIN – Locking Supports
Apr 11, 2010	Scottsdale	FIXIN – Locking Supports
May 22, 2010	Orlando	FIXIN – Locking Supports
June 19, 2010	Los Angeles – Ventura	FIXIN – Locking Supports
July 16, 2010	Chicago	FIXIN – Locking Supports
Oct 9, 2010	Boston	FIXIN – Locking Supports
Nov 13, 2010	Las Vegas	FIXIN – Locking Supports

To register: www.innovativeanimal.com
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