

# TPLO Surgery Package

The Pet Emergency & Specialty Center of Marin (PESCM) is pleased to provide a discounted “package” for dogs that need Tibial Plateau Leveling Osteotomy (TPLO) surgery. Our goal is to make this innovative surgery as affordable as possible for our clients while still providing a high standard of care.

## About Dr. Cheri Nielsen:

Dr. Nielsen received a B.S. in Biomedical Engineering with a minor in Applied Mathematics from Johns Hopkins University before earning her veterinary degree at U.C. Davis, where she also completed an M.S. in Biomedical Engineering. Her graduate thesis research was in canine gait analysis, furthering her expertise in the management of orthopedic diseases. Dr. Nielsen completed an internship at Colorado State University and a surgical residency program at the University of Minnesota before successfully completing a rigorous credentialing and examination process to become a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Surgeons in small animal surgery. Additionally, Dr. Nielsen is licensed to perform the patented TPLO procedure.

## Our TPLO package includes:

- 🐾 Initial examination and consultation with Dr. Nielsen
- 🐾 Pre- and post-operative x-rays
- 🐾 Individualized anesthesia protocol, dedicated anesthetist, and advanced monitoring equipment
- 🐾 Surgery performed by a board-certified small animal veterinary surgical specialist
- 🐾 All pain medications, including epidural analgesia in most dogs
- 🐾 Overnight stay after surgery, with round-the-clock care by our experienced doctors and nurses
- 🐾 Medications, e-collar, and sling to go home (as indicated)
- 🐾 Re-check visit two weeks post-operatively for suture removal and early progress check
- 🐾 Re-check visit at six to eight weeks post-operatively, including follow-up x-rays

**TPLO Package Cost: \$3,200** (most dogs); **\$3,700** if a “broad” plate is needed (very large dogs)

## Not Included:

- 🐾 Pre-anesthetic blood tests are required within one month of the surgery and may be performed by your family veterinarian. Testing of healthy dogs 4 years of age or less should include a PCV/TS and “mini” chemistry panel. Older dogs (and all dogs with pre-existing health problems) must have a full CBC and full chemistry panel including electrolytes. Urinalysis may also be recommended.
- 🐾 Treatment of unexpected complications is NOT included in this package. Such treatment could include treatment for abnormally low blood pressure under anesthesia, transfusion therapy, extended hospital stays, the need or desire for additional surgery, etc.

## How to Arrange a Referral:

Typically your family veterinarian will contact our hospital to discuss referral to our surgical service and you can then schedule an appointment for an initial consultation. Please be sure to bring copies of your pet’s medical records, lab reports, and any previous x-rays taken by your family veterinarian. Dr. Nielsen will meet with you, evaluate your pet’s condition, provide her recommendations, and answer any questions you may have. Often surgery can be performed later that same day, if you have not fed your pet after midnight the night before. Water and any medications are allowed that morning. Our staff will provide you with a written estimate for your review. We look forward to meeting you and your pet!

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