

CASE STUDY

Post Surgical Wound Healing

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Patient: Nala, Feline, 4 yrs old

Problem:

• Femoral Head Excision 12 days prior, due to extreme dog bite. Resulted in baseball sized slough as a result of shredded gluteal muscles and avulsion of the skin. Debrided and closed. Concern of poor circulation due to tension needed to close and underlying muscle damage

Previous Therapies:

• clavamox 125mg BID



K Laser Protocols:

• C5 Wound Healing

Treatment Frequency:

• 3 consecutive days, Additional TX on day 13

Additional Treatments:

• Compresses soaked with physiological saline BID. Cephazolin 70mg I V BID 3days (on IV LRS with dextrose during this time). Force fed A/D.

Medications:

• Sent home with clavamox 125 mg BID 7 days.

Topical Medications:

• Physiological saline compresses BID until suture removal.

Outcomes:

• Using leg almost normally on third day of K Laser treatment. Notice progress at incision site from day 1 to day 3. Appetite returned and attitude improved.

Prognosis:

• Good

Lessons Learned:

• Will consider K Laser for most/all post surgical sites, especially where vascular integrity is questionable.

