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OPERATIVE REPORT

Case No : 6745
Date: 2006
Ref Vet:
Patient: Layla Sample



Pre Operative Notes: See ER report fro meds and additional info.

Pre Op Dx: Traumatic Injury to Right metacarpus. Radiographs show transverse midshaft fractures to metacarpals 2,3,4,& 5.

Pre-Op Notes: The right front limb was clipped from the mid humerus distally. The area was prepped surgically scrubbed.

Operation in Detail : A 4cm “I” incision was made along the dorsal surface of the right metacarpal bones. Care was given to avoid the superficial dorsal metacarpal vessels. All the extensor tendons were intact and were retracted as needed. The bones were identified and starting with metacarpal #4, a pin was inserted into the distal fragment and exited distally with the metacarpal-phalangeal joint in hyper-flexion. The bones were aligned and the pin was drilled proximally until it was set. The 3,4 &5 metacarpal bones were reduced and pins were inserted from distal to proximal at the level of the metacarpal–Phalangeal joint while the joint was held in hyperextension. All the pins were cut. The area was flushed several times with warm saline.



The subcutaneous tissue were closed with 3-0 PDS using simple interrupted sutures. The skin was closed with 3-O PDS simple interrupted as well.

Radiographs: Radiographs show good alignment.



Post Operative Instructions:

A metasplint was applied. This bandage should be changed in two weeks. Sutures can be removed at this time if desired. The splint should be re-applied for another two weeks followed by a Robert jones bandage for two additional weeks.

No Running, jumping or stairs. STRICT confinement. Give antibiotics and pain meds as directed. Suture removal in 10-14 days if desired. Sutures are absorbable. Check toes daily for warmth or discoloration. Follow-up X-ray at 6 weeks. See discharge instructions for additional care.

Pins may need to be removed at some future date if needed.

Please call if you have any questions or problems.

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