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Owner:

Patient: Mixed breed dog, 5 years old, medium size

Surgeon: Ciprian OBER, DVM, PhD, ResECVS

History: right forelimb lameness

Physical exam: grade 4 (of 5) lameness at left forelimb; carpal instability and moderate valgus during stance

Requested imagistic: *radiographs (anteroposterior and mediolateral right carpus and elbow; also carpal stress radiographs)*

Presumptive diagnosis (xrays exams required)

Chronic arthritis/instability of the right carpal joint

Therapeutic alternative if definitive diagnosis

Pancarpal arthrodesis (see below images)

Aprox costs: 1800 ron

Postoperative requirements:

Elisabethan collar for 2 weeks and stiches removal

10 days of antibiotics and pain killers

2 months of cage rest

some patients require implant removal after 9 months

Potential complications: infections; wound dehiscents, 3rd metacarpal bone fracture with screw migration

