

Hip Dysplasia and Harmful affects

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Luckily this week held multiple interviews and observations. The first being with Dr. Franks from Dallas Veterinary Surgical Center Grapevine, she offered an amazing insight into what it meant to be a surgical specialist from performing surgeries to informing clients of extremely difficult and possible life-threatening diagnosis for their animal. During the interview, Dr. Franks stressed the importance of early diagnosis of Hip Dysplasia in animals due to later developments in life. Later in the day, she offered the opportunity to observe surgery, this was an amazing opportunity to not only witness an orthopedic surgery but also to understand how Hip Dysplasia can affect different body parts as well. This particular dog had average Hip Dysplasia in both joints, in addition, he had a torn ACL and deformed knee joint, instead of amputating the leg, they repaired both problems in the extremely small dog because they knew that the other leg would eventually wear out as well. This shows how early diagnostic is so important for animals, this dog will largely have to deal with many more orthopedic issues later in life due to his condition, but he will be unable to remove his leg, the most desirable choice, because his other back leg will most likely be damaged later in life as well.