

GLENDALE ANIMAL HOSPITAL

ELECTIVE C-SECTION

WELCOME

We are happy and excited to help you with delivering your puppies and providing you with the care your dog needs. PLEASE READ the info below so that we may have the absolute best working experience with you!

Dr. Day has nearly 40 years' experience as a veterinarian and has been doing C-sections since he began practice. He has performed numerous procedures on Chihuahuas, Yorkies, Bulldogs, Frenchie's, Scotties, St. Bernard's, Cavaliers as well as other breeds which may not commonly need the procedure. Dr Brown has 10 years' experience as well with most of the breeds mentioned above.

To schedule a pre-planned elective C-section, we require that we examine the patient and take a screening X-ray to verify pregnancy and get a reasonable estimation of the litter size. We typically do this at 45-50 days into the pregnancy. After this you may schedule the procedure with us. Please note the following important details.

1. We typically only take a right lateral X-ray. That is what we quote for. If YOU want more views you need to let us know prior to the procedure. These are \$45 per extra view.
 2. If you have had an ultrasound, we ask you share that info with us BEFORE we do the exam/X rays.
 3. You will choose the date of the C-section. We will give you the best advice but because this is an **elective procedure** and we are relying on your breeding or AI dates, and because there is a great deal of variability in what is the "best" delivery date.. you will make the final decision. Normal pregnancy in dogs last 57-63 days from conception no matter what the internet of your friends tell you! We also do not use progesterone levels to pick the date. (a practice among some breeders)
 4. We require a \$200 non-refundable deposit to schedule an elective C-section. If your pet goes into labor before that time and we do the C-section as an emergency procedure the \$200 WILL apply to your bill. The cost of the C-section done outside the normal schedule may be higher.
 5. If on exam we find your dog is due in the next few days, it may be difficult for us to schedule the C-section as we often book out days in advance. This does not mean we cannot or will not help you, but that assistance may have to be more on an emergency basis.
 6. The price we quote for our C-section includes anesthesia, IV catheter and fluid therapy, the surgery, care of mother and pups immediately after birth, a post-surgical X-ray to show that all puppies are delivered and an oxytocin injection. Suture removal 10 days later is also included. Nothing else is included, no injections for home, meds, etc.
 7. We rarely encounter complications but issues like uterine rupture, adhesions from past surgery and bleeding issues can occur. While rare, if they occur, the cost of surgery can increase.
 8. While complications are indeed rare, lots of things can go wrong with labor and delivery of pups. You will sign a release saying you acknowledge that this is not a risk-free procedure.
 9. We love doing C-sections and delivering puppies and welcome questions about delivery and puppy care and so forth. May people have obtained information from other breeders or the internet that may not be true in every situation. It is best to ask and get answers to those questions before we schedule and actually do the procedure for you.
 10. Unfortunately, there can be many issues with neonatal puppies. We are here to help but please be advised that our facility lacks equipment and staff to provide intensive care for such emergencies.
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