SPECIAL SERVICES

• **TIBIAL PLATEAU LEVELING OSTEOTOMY (TPLO)** surgery stabilizes knees with cranial cruciate ligament rupture.

• **PennHIP** evaluation and screening for Canine Hip Dysplasia.

• **ABDOMINAL ULTRASOUND** for non-invasive evaluation of liver and gall bladder, spleen, urinary, and gastrointestinal systems.

• **SPINAL IMAGING** (myelography, MRI).

• **FLEXIBLE ENDOSCOPY** for non-invasive evaluation of upper (esophagus and stomach) and lower (colon) gastrointestinal tracts.

REFERRAL SURGERY

- Orthopedics
- Surgical Oncology
- Neurosurgery
- Oral Surgery
- General Soft Tissue Surgery
- Reconstructive Surgery

PHYSICAL REHABILITATION SERVICES

- Joint Mobilization
- Therapeutic Exercise
- Functional Facilitation
- Aquatics and Hydrotherapy
- Neuromuscular Electrical Stimulation
- Weight Counseling and Physical Conditioning Program

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MASH SURGEONS

Dr. Bruce Nwadike is an ACVS board certified veterinary surgeon with a special interest in orthopedics, surgical oncology, general and reconstructive surgery. He moved to the southern Maryland area in 1999 from North Carolina where he was a member of the surgical faculty at NC State University College of Veterinary Medicine. He has published clinical and original research articles in peer-reviewed journals and presently serves on the editorial review board for the Veterinary Surgery journal. Dr. Nwadike travels annually to volunteer as an Iditarod Trail veterinarian and also does locum surgery and teaching stints at the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine and various referral practices in England.

Dr. Rodney Oakley is board certified in veterinary surgery and also completed a 2-year postdoctoral fellowship in medical neurology and neurosurgery. Dr. Oakley was a clinical faculty member in neurology and surgery at Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine before moving to North Carolina where he was in private referral practice for 2 years. He relocated to southern Maryland in October 2000, joining Dr. Nwadike and forming their referral surgical practice. Dr. Oakley has lectured at national and local scientific meetings and is notably published in the veterinary literature.

OUR GOALS

We are committed to providing the highest standards of advanced veterinary surgery and physical rehabilitation to our patients.

Our facilities and staff offer a professional, yet comfortable, caring and compassionate environment, dedicated to quality service and client satisfaction.

We endeavor to stay at the forefront of private referral surgical and rehabilitation practice with pioneering of clinical research and regular continuing education.

WHEN YOUR PET NEEDS SPECIALTY SURGERY

We are committed to providing the best care for your pet, and we will work hard to maintain a good working relationship with you, your pet, and your pet's regular veterinarian in managing any surgical conditions or problems. The following information may help to answer some questions you may have regarding your pet's surgery and hospitalization while under our care.

Communication

While your pet is hospitalized you will receive a telephone call immediately following surgery and recovery from anesthesia, detailing the surgical findings and anesthesia event. Subsequent updates of your pet's condition, progress, expected hospital stay, and any accrued and/or projected charges will be made daily.

Although you are free to call at any time during the day for updates, please be advised that except in the event of an emergency, you may not always be able to speak directly with the surgeon. As such, you may receive a limited update by one of our staff technicians.

Your regular veterinarian will also be updated after your pet's surgery. In the event that the working diagnosis has changed or is different from that initially suggested, if possible we will attempt to inform your regular veterinarian prior to surgery.

Visitation and Discharge

Please call to schedule visitations and patient discharge. Detailed, typewritten case summary, care instructions, test results, and re-evaluation scheduling will be provided and discussed at the time of discharge. Be advised that after surgery (especially for trauma, orthopedic or neurologic injuries) most patients will need to be confined to a crate or cage for recovery, at times up to 4-6 weeks.

The Cost of Hospitalization and Care

It is not always possible to accurately predict the outcome and associated costs of care and hospitalization. Estimates will be provided and every attempt to adhere to these will be made. We will try to inform you beforehand of any additional or projected costs if the estimate may be exceeded.

We do not offer a billing service. The full balance is due at the time of discharge. Options for payment include cash, credit card (American Express, VISA, MC, Discover, CareCredit), and personal or business checks drawn on a local bank. Recheck appointments for radiographs, bandage changes, blood tests, etc. will usually incur additional charges.

The Referral Process

When referral for surgery is elected, it is preferred that the referring veterinarian contacts one of the surgeons at MASH beforehand to make arrangements for referral of the patient. Follow-up care will usually be in collaboration with the referring veterinarian.

MASH PHYSICAL REHABILITATION

Rehabilitation services are offered by veterinary referral only and include an individually designed conditioning program involving diet recommendations for weight loss and body weight goal setting, therapeutic exercise, underwater treadmill hydrotherapy, land treadmill exercise, home exercise, and goal assessment. Please call with any inquiries or to schedule an appointment.