



Questions for Your Surgeon

Walk into the conversation informed, and write the answers down

PETSLIKEMINE
CRUCIATE LIGAMENT DISEASE

PET NAME	DATE	SURGEON	PRACTICE / CENTRE
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There is rarely one right answer in cruciate disease, and a good surgeon's individualised judgement, with hands on the knee and eyes on the X-rays, is worth far more than anything online. These are the questions that tend to be most useful. A good surgeon will welcome them.

THE PROCEDURE

Which procedure do you recommend for my dog specifically, and why this one over the others (TPLO, TTA, or a lateral suture)?

MY NOTES / THEIR ANSWER

What is your own experience and typical outcomes with that procedure?

MY NOTES / THEIR ANSWER

THE MENISCUS

How will the meniscus be assessed and, if it is torn, dealt with at the same time?

MY NOTES / THEIR ANSWER

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How to use. Fill in the top strip in the waiting room. Write the answers as you go; it is easy to forget them later. Continue overleaf.

WRITE THE ANSWERS DOWN AS YOU GO



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Recovery, risks, cost, and the other knee

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RECOVERY

What does recovery realistically involve, week by week, and what rehabilitation will my dog need?

MY NOTES / THEIR ANSWER

RISKS

What are the main risks and complications, and how often do they happen in your hands?

MY NOTES / THEIR ANSWER

COST AND THE OTHER KNEE

What are the options at different price points, and what is the likelihood the other knee will need the same in time?

MY NOTES / THEIR ANSWER

WORTH KNOWING BEFORE YOU ASK

A referral to an orthopaedic specialist is completely normal and no reflection on your own vet. A second opinion is always reasonable for a decision this size, and no good clinician will be offended by one.

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A GOOD SURGEON WILL WELCOME THESE QUESTIONS