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### Patellar Luxation

#### General Information

Patellar luxation is a dislocation of the kneecap (patella). The kneecap may dislocate toward the inside (medial) or outside (lateral) of the leg, or it may move in both directions. Patellar luxation may result from injury or congenital (present at birth) deformities. Both legs may be affected.

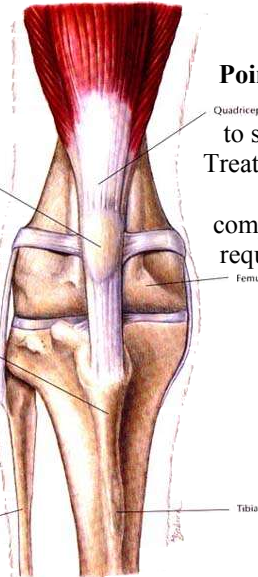
The crippling effects of patellar luxation are related to the severity and duration of the luxation. The milder forms, especially in small breeds, cause little or no signs, and only minimal treatment is required. Severe cases cause more intense pain, with limping.

#### Important

1. to 2 weeks)
2. Patella weight.
3. Obesity be

#### Notify the Doctor if Any of the

#### Following

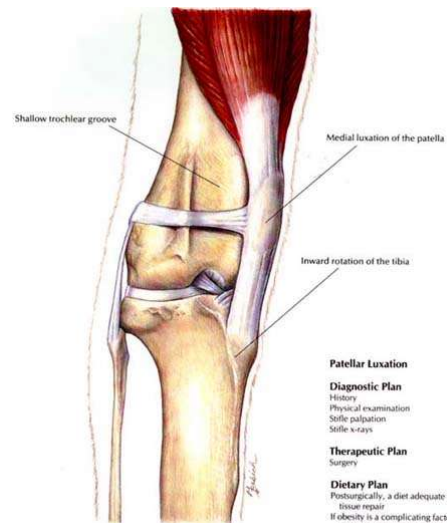


#### Points in Treatment

Treatment ranges from rest (decreasing your pet's activity for 1 to surgical reconstruction of the knee joint.

Treatment is based on the severity of signs and your pet's age, breed, and

complicates surgery and convalescence. A weight-reduction program may required in conjunction with treatment.



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##### Diagnostic Plan

History  
Physical examination  
Stifle palpation  
Stifle x-rays

##### Therapeutic Plan

Surgery

##### Dietary Plan

Postsurgically, a diet adequate for tissue repair.  
If obesity is a complicating factor, restrict caloric intake so the patient reaches and maintains an ideal body weight.

#### Occur

- Your pet seems unusually uncomfortable.
- Soreness and/or swelling of the joint increases.
- The leg opposite the affected one becomes lame.