

Stafford Veterinary Hospital, Tail Amputation, Hound mix CASE SUMMARY

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Signalment: Canine, 9yrs., M/N, Hound mix, "Ragnar".

History: Severe soft tissue injury: Patient has repeatedly self-mutilated his tail, exposing bone and cartilage.

Diagnostics and Exam Findings: Patient self-mutilated after initial surgical repair, destroying it. After a second surgical revisit, laser therapy was applied in addition to standard of care.

Laser Treatment: 5J/cm² using the wound treatment preset protocol, delivered to the wound site at the end of the tail, delivered a total of 492 joules.

Frequency of Treatment: Twice weekly for a total number of 8 treatments in a 30 day period.

Other Treatments: Standard of care including antibiotics, NSAID, and oral pain management was implemented, as well as daily wet to dry bandage changes for ten days.



Presentation



12 days after starting laser therapy



28 days after starting laser therapy

Comments: This case demonstrated how much faster a wound can heal and how much more comfortable the patient can be when used.

Supporting Documentation (Pictures):

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