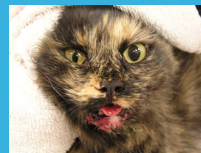




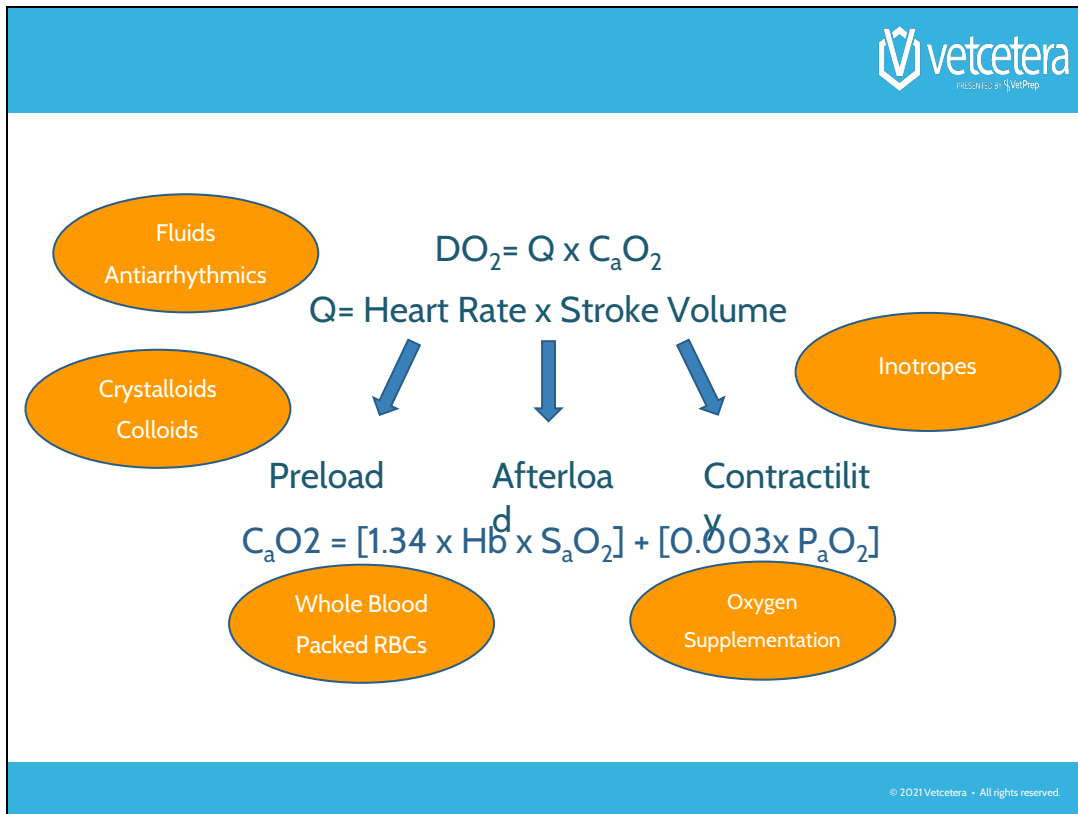
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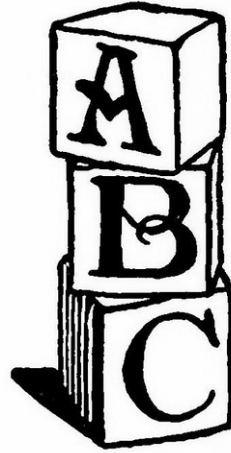
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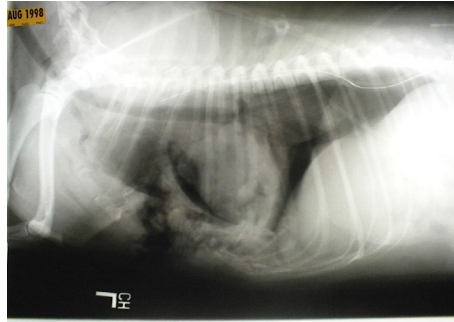
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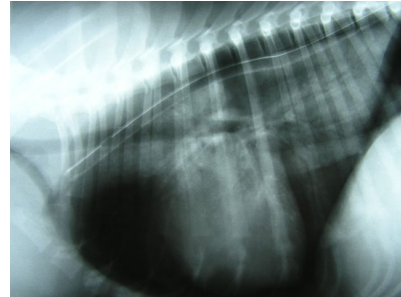
- Airway
- Breathing
- Circulation
- Disability



- **Tension**
- **Shear Force**
 - Pulmonary contusions
- **Compression**
 - Crushing
 - Pneumothorax
- **Overpressure**
 - Force applied to gas or fluid filled structure
 - Pneumothorax



- 49% dogs, 63% cats had radiographic signs of trauma
- 72% of patients with no visible injuries
- RR not a good predictive indicator of thoracic trauma



Clinical findings and diagnostic value of post-traumatic thoracic radiographs in dogs and cats with blunt trauma. JVECC 14(4):259, 2004

● **Thoracic trauma most common**

- Pulmonary Contusions (68%)
- Pneumothorax (47%)
- Hemothorax (18%)
- Fractured ribs (14%)
- Diaphragmatic hernia (6%)
- Bullae (2%)
- Flail chest (2%)



Severe blunt trauma in dogs: 235 cases (1997 – 2003) JVECC 19(6):588:2009

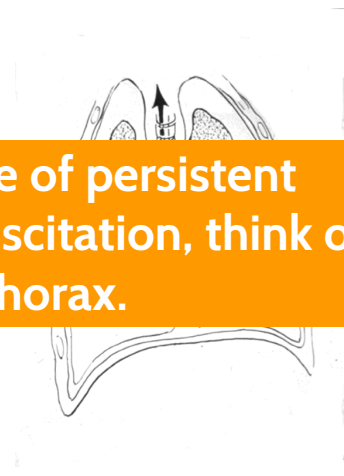
- Retrospective Study
- 63 dogs, 96 cats
- Blunt trauma
- 49% dogs, 63.5% cats radiographic abnormalities
 - 73% no clinical abnormalities
 - Normal RR/RE

Sigrist et al. Clinical findings and diagnostic value of post-traumatic radiographs in dogs and cats with blunt trauma. J Vet Emer Crit Care 14(4):259-268, 2004.

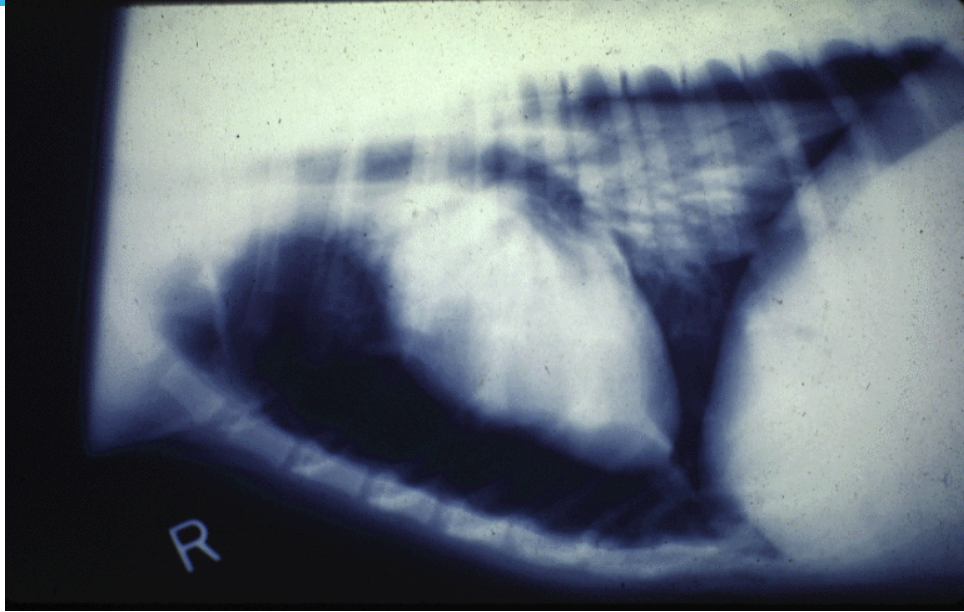


- Sources of Gas

- Cervical injury – mediastinum

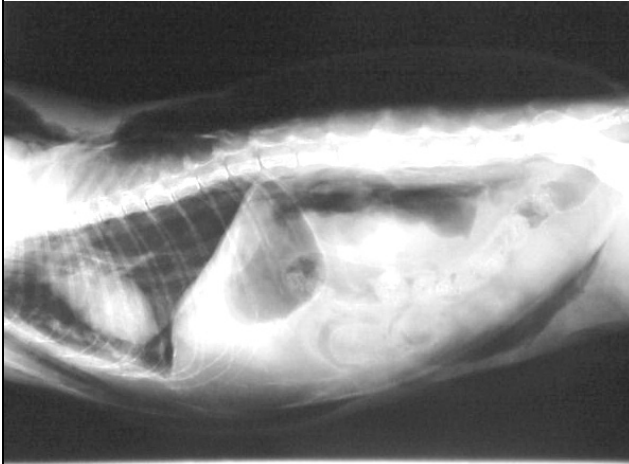


Learning point: In the case of persistent hypotension despite fluid resuscitation, think of a tension pneumothorax.





Emergency Approach to the Small Animal Trauma Patient

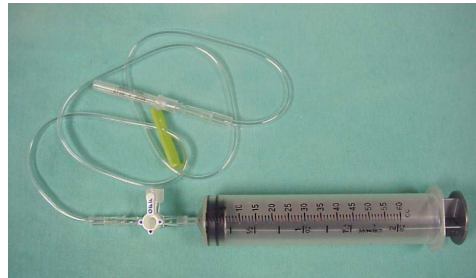


- **Thoracocentesis**

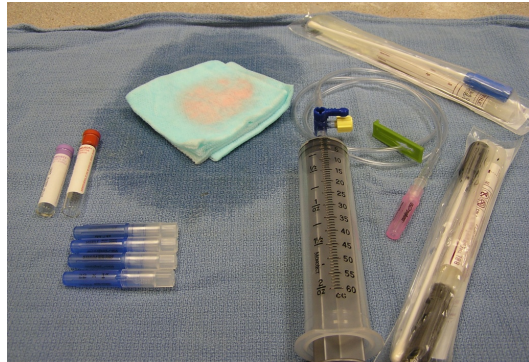
- Diagnosis and treatment

- **Thoracostomy tube**

- Continuous production
 - Multiple thoracocentesis

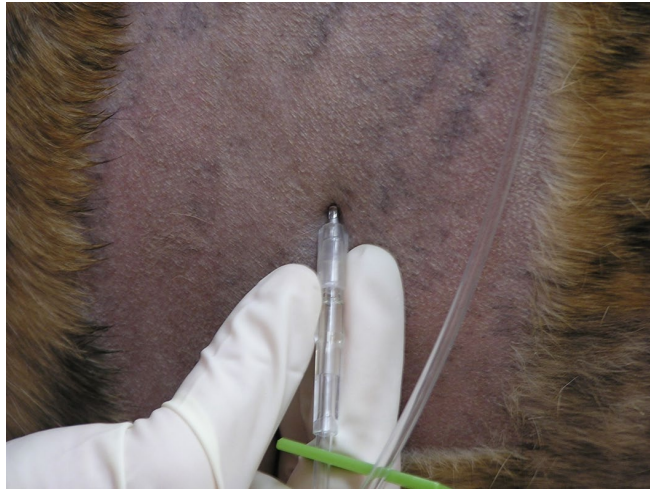


- Antimicrobial scrub
- Clipper/blades
- 60 mL syringe
- 3-way stopcock
- Extension tubing
- Red/purple topped tubes
- 22 g needles













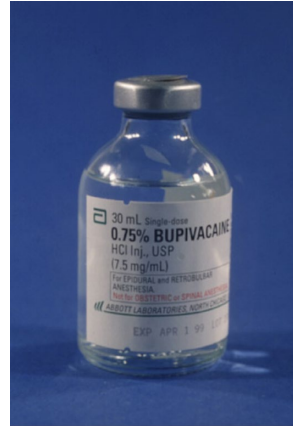


● **Pain**

- Hypoventilation
- Atelectasis

● **Treatment**

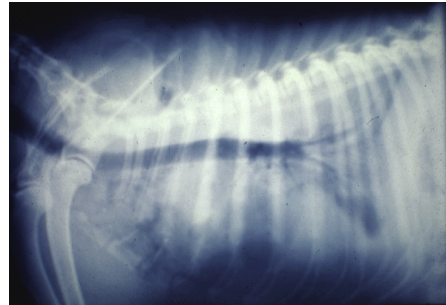
- Local analgesia
- Systemic analgesia





- Complications of blunt chest trauma
- Under wounds, rib fractures, or without obvious external injury
- Alveoli fill with blood and fluid
 - Intrapulmonary shunt
 - hypoxemia

- Interstitial to alveolar lung pattern
- May not be evident on early radiographs
- Radiographic changes may continue to develop for 2 to 24 hours



- **Arterial blood gas analysis**
 - Most objective way to document gas exchange impairment and response to treatment

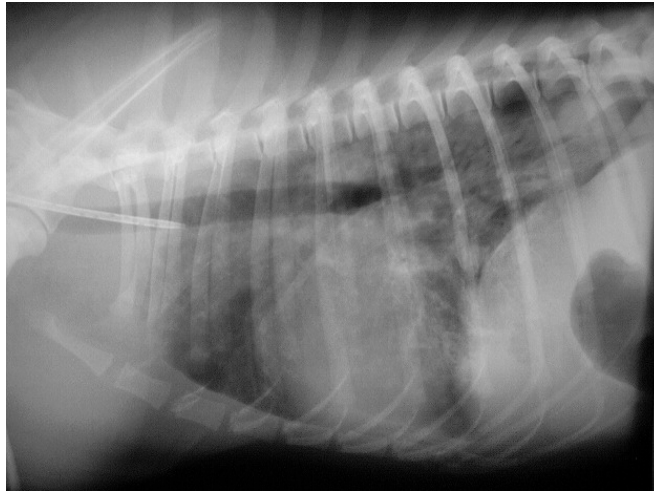


- N = 143, 82% survived to discharge
- Concurrent injuries common (pneumothorax, pleural effusion)
- O₂ for 35 hours
- Hospitalized 48 hours
- <2% developed infection



Powell LL, et. al. A Retrospective Analysis of Pulmonary Contusion Secondary to Motor Vehicular Accidents in 143 Dogs: 1994 - 1997 | Vet Emerg Crit Care 1999





● **Subjective**

- Hemoptysis, anxiety, persistent dyspnea

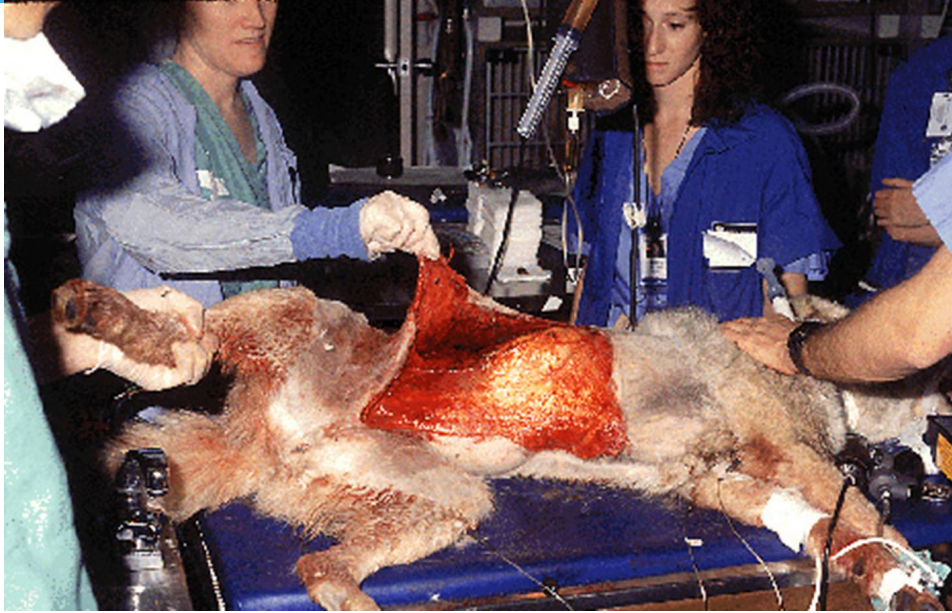
● **Objective**

- $\text{PaO}_2 < 60 \text{ mm Hg}$
- $\text{PaO}_2:\text{FIO}_2 < 200$
- Hypercapnea
- Acidosis

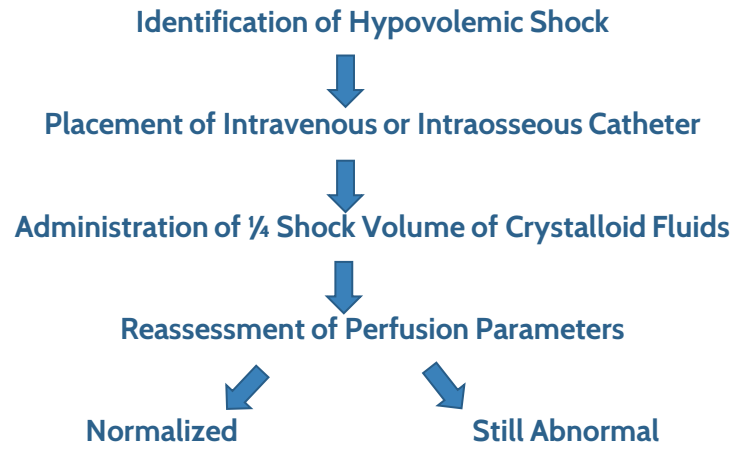


- **N = 10; 30% survived to discharge**
 - **Improved with ventilation**
 - Improved compliance
 - **Progressive disease or cardiac arrest**
 - Lung compliance deteriorated
 - **Conclusions**
 - Dogs with severe pulmonary contusions may benefit from IPPV
 - Prognosis is better for bigger dogs > 25 kg
- Campbell VL, King LG. J Am Vet Med Assoc 2000

- Large (shock) bolus dosing of crystalloid, hypertonic or colloid fluids can raise pressures to supernormal levels
- Newly formed clots to break off damaged vessels
- Dilutional coagulopathy



	Compensatory 15-30%	Early Decompensatory 30-40%	Late Decompensatory > 40%
Heart Rate	Increased	Increased	Decreased
Mucous Membranes	Hyperemic	Pale	Pale
CRT	Rapid	Prolonged	Prolonged
Pulse Quality	Normal to bounding	Normal to decreased	Weak
Blood Pressure	Normal to increased	Normal to decreased	Decreased
Core Temperature	Normal	Normal	Decreased



● **First identify underlying possible complicating factors:**

- Closed cavity hemorrhage
- Pulmonary contusions
- Head/brain trauma
- Cardiac dysfunction

- IV or IO are the only ways to go
 - SQ fluids not appropriate for volume replacement in an animal in shock
- Be prepared to infuse one whole blood volume if a healthy vasculature is present
 - 90 ml/kg for dogs
 - 40-45 ml/kg for cats

● Start with $\frac{1}{4}$ of the calculated “shock” dose, then reassess perfusion parameters

- Heart rate
- Blood pressure
- Capillary refill time
- Urine output

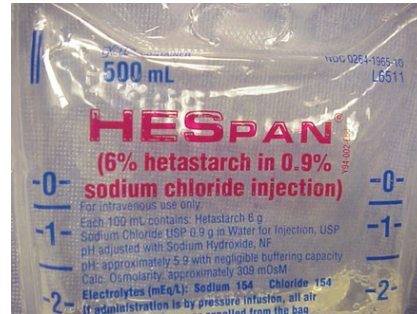
● **Helpful Hint**

- For dogs, take their body weight in POUNDS, and add a zero
- This equals $\frac{1}{4}$ shock dose of fluids!

- Hypertonic saline
- Colloid
- Crystalloids
- Blood



- Colloidal administration 5 ml/kg bolus
- Reassessment of perfusion parameters
- Used in:
 - Head trauma or closed cavity hemorrhage
 - Pulmonary contusions



- 3-5 ml/kg IV over 10-15 minutes
- Peak effect in 2 minutes
- Osmotic effect to decrease cerebral edema
- Effect persists 30 minutes
- Improved cerebral perfusion
- Synergistic with colloids
- Indications:
 - Shock with head trauma
 - Profound life-threatening shock

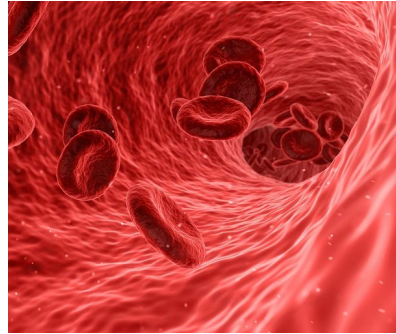


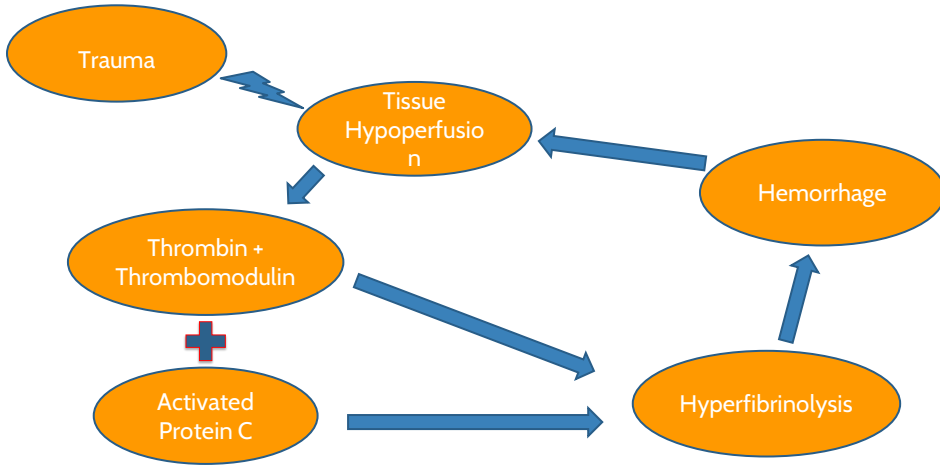
● **Clinical signs of anemia**

- Lethargy
- Anorexia
- Tachycardia or Bradycardia
- Tachypnea
- Volume unresponsive hypotension
- Acute drop in PCV



- Consider what is actually being lost
- Whole blood = RULE OF ONEs
 - Each 1 ml/pound will raise PCV by 1%
- Plasma
 - 15-20 ml/kg





- Pulmonary contusions worsen with overzealous fluid therapy
- Large volumes quickly can increase fluid loss into damaged tissues
- Iatrogenic interstitial fluid overload worsens hypoxemia and oxygen delivery
- Iatrogenic dilutional coagulopathy

- 18 dogs, 19 cats blunt trauma
- VBG/lactate, BG iCa, PCV/TP, PT, APTT, fibrinogen, platelet count, thromboelastography
- Acute traumatic coagulopathy 1 cat, 1 dog
- Hypercoagulopathy 19% dogs, 5% of cats
- Animal Trauma Triage (ATT) scores significantly associated with PT, APTT and MA on TEG in dogs

Gottlieb et al. Evaluation of acute traumatic coagulopathy in dogs and cats following blunt force trauma. J Vet Emerg Crit Care 27(1):35-43, 2017.

- 15% cats hypocoagulable at presentation by ROTEM
- Cats with acute traumatic coagulopathy required significantly more transfusions
- Hypercoagulable after 24 hours, more common than hyperfibrinolysis

Muri et al. Serial evaluation of haemostasis following acute trauma using rotational thromboelastometry in cats. *Vet Compar Traumatol* 12:289-296, 2019.

- 11/33 dogs hypocoagulable at presentation
- More hypercoagulable at 24 hours
- Hypocoagulability more common than previously described

Herrero et al. Serial evaluation of haemostasis following acute trauma using rotational thromboelastometry in dogs. *Vet Compar Traumatol* 14:206-213, 2021.

- Aminocaproic Acid
- 50-100 mg/kg IV, then 15 mg/kg/hr IV CRI
- Transexamic acid





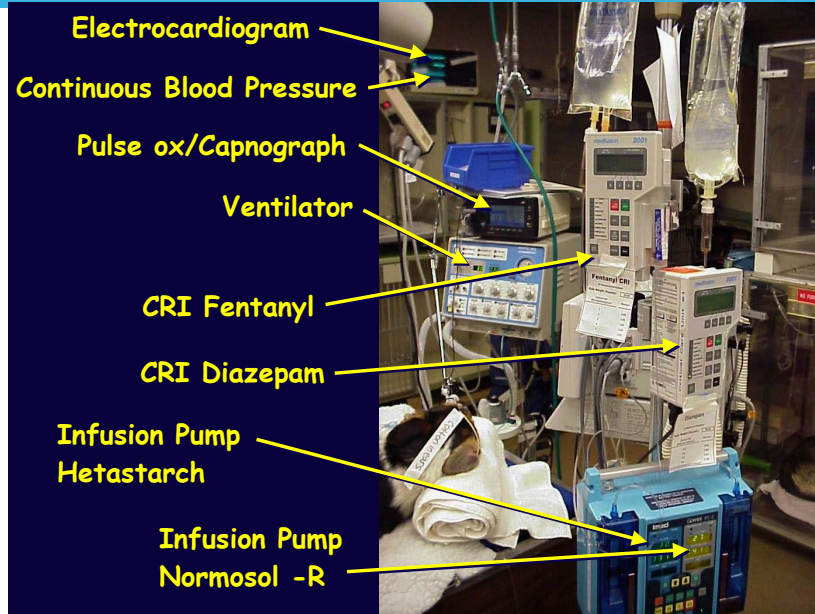


- Etomidate (0.5–2.0 mg/kg IV),
- Fentanyl (0.05 mg/kg IV)
diazepam (0.1 mg/kg IV)
+/- atracurium (0.25 mg/kg)
- Fentanyl (0.05 mg/kg IV)
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+/- Propofol 1-2 mg/kg
- Ketamine + diazepam (0.1 mg/kg IV)

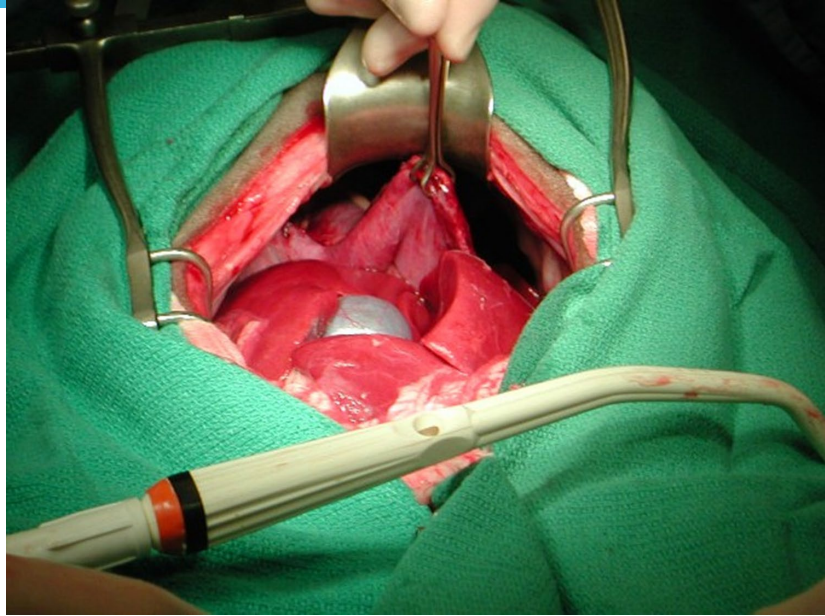




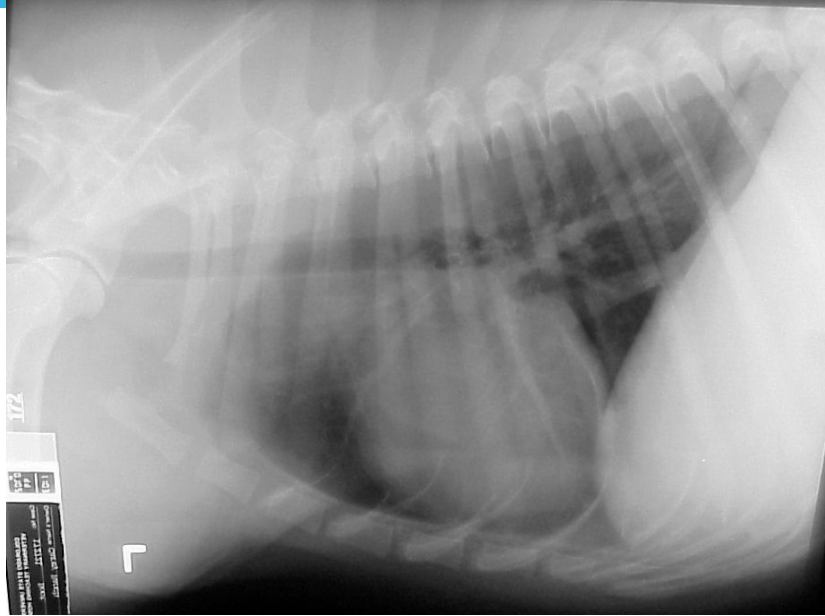






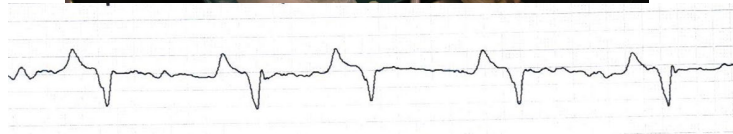




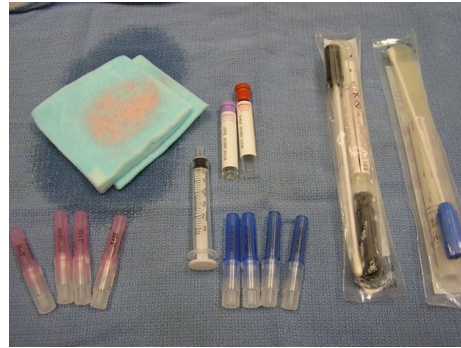








- Clippers and blades
- Antimicrobial scrub
- 20 - 22 gauge needles
- 3 ml syringe
- Red and purple topped tubes
- Cultures









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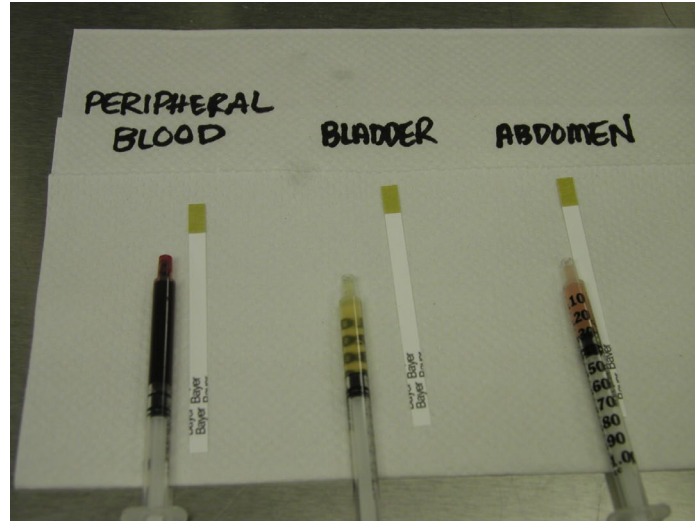
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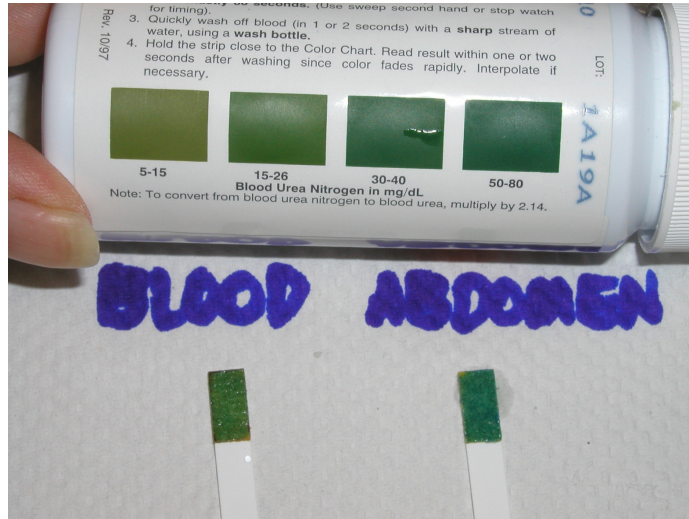
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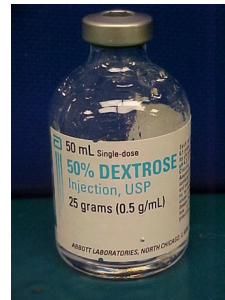
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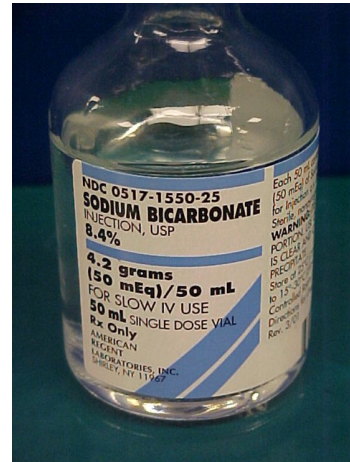




- Treatment of hyperkalemia
- Drive K⁺ into the cells
- Insulin
 - Regular insulin
 - 0.5 - 1.0 units/kg IV
- Dextrose
 - 25% Dextrose
 - 1 mL/unit insulin, followed by 2.5 - 5% Dextrose CRI



- Treatment of hyperkalemia
- Drive K^+ into the cells
- Sodium bicarbonate
 - 1 mEq/kg IV
 - Drives K^+ intracellularly in exchange for H^+

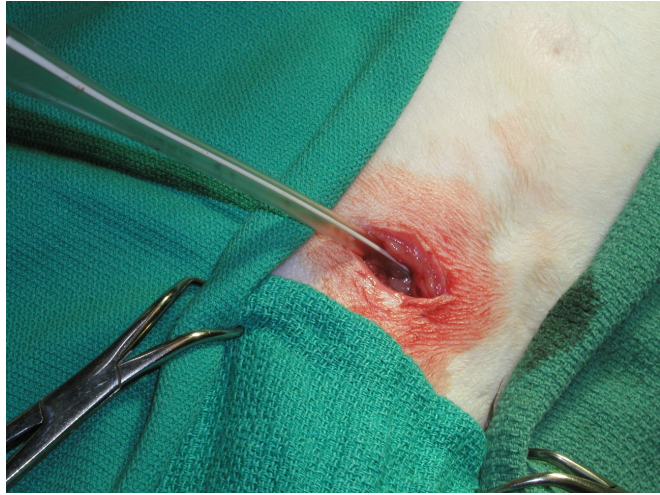


- Protect cells by raising the threshold for depolarization
- Calcium gluconate
 - 0.3 mL/kg IV 10% solution
- Calcium chloride
 - 0.1 mL/kg IV 10% solution



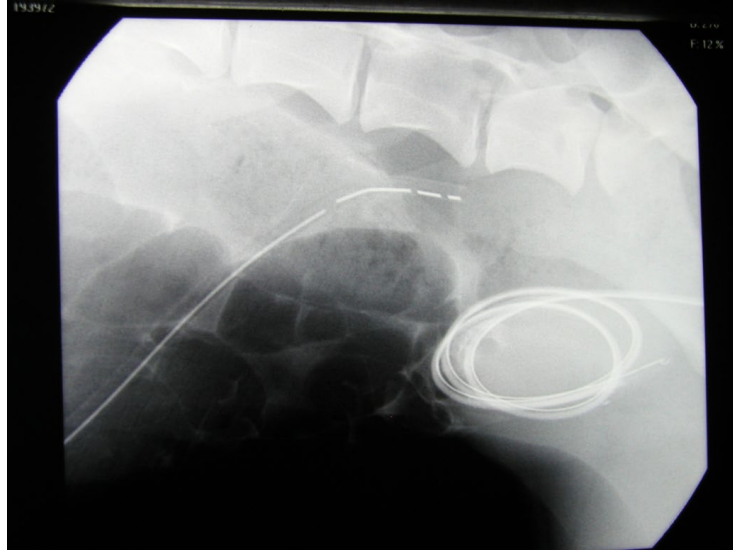
- 0.01 mg/kg IV over 15 minutes

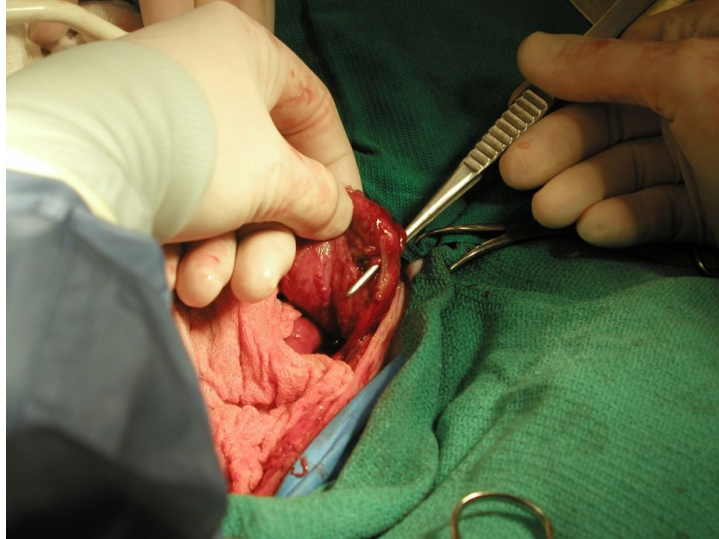




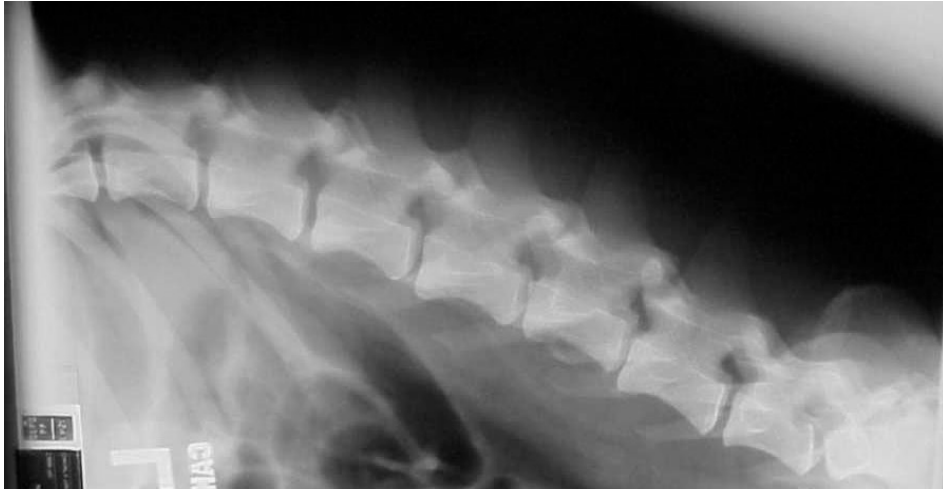












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Radiograph



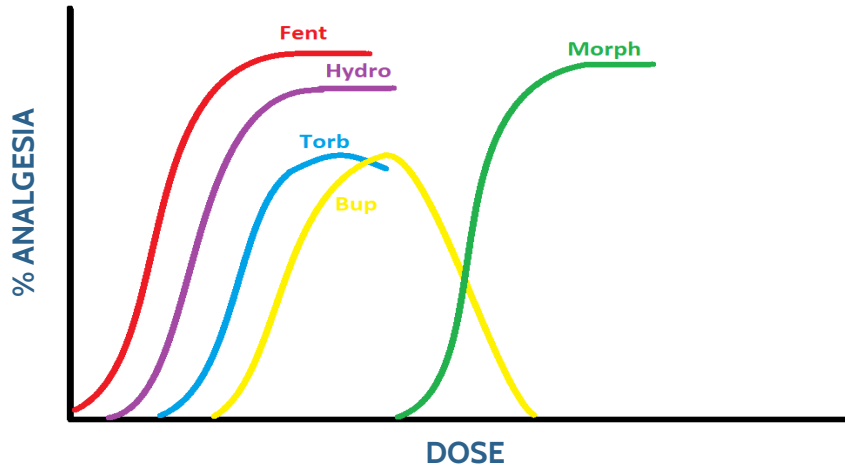
- 17 dogs with traumatic injuries
- 9 treated
- 2/9 regained function/ability to walk
- Prognosis guarded if lose deep pain





- Always use judiciously







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