



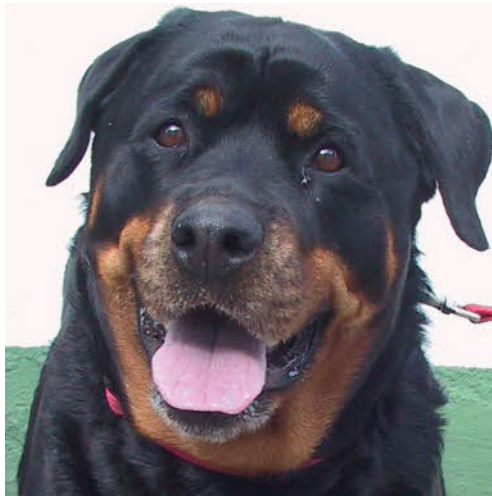
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### "Tiger" - Rottweiler with Cruciate Ligament Rupture



Tiger



You will be very pleased to hear that "Tiger" has made an excellent recovery from cruciate ligament surgery. Not the world number 1 golfer but a 50kg Rottweiler, although I am sure that many of his opponents would argue that there is not much difference!

Anterior cruciate ligament rupture is probably the most common cause of severe lameness in the canine patient and is also widely reported in the human literature with regard to sporting injuries. So much so that most clients are very familiar with the condition when it is confirmed as the diagnosis. In fact once diagnosed many clients are able to confirm the injury in the opposite leg as often happens to the same dog.

This association with sport in humans would appear to differ with that in dogs where Greyhounds, the epitome of canine athleticism in the canine community are regarded as very low risk for cruciate ligament rupture. In contrast, a high risk breed such as Rottweilers not renowned for their turn of speed or agility rupture their cruciate ligaments with astonishing regularity. It would appear that there must be some kind of "design fault" associated with certain breeds although the exact nature of this fault remains a mystery despite worldwide research into the condition.

The recovery process after surgery requires a considerable amount of effort on the part of the patient and owners during the rehabilitation process. Controlled exercise to facilitate flexion and extension of the affected knee joint is paramount rather than complete rest. Fortunately, for this Tiger her owners have ensured that her recovery has been steady and progressive. Participation in future sporting events this year is not to be encouraged.....Mr Woods please note!

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