

Informed Consent

Cheiloplasty (Lip Tuck)

You have elected to have your pet undergo a surgical procedure called cheiloplasty. This is a procedure by which the lower lip is essentially tacked to the upper lip to form a type of dam structure with the lip to reduce swelling. Prognosis is generally excellent after surgery, however, we need to make you aware of the risks and complications associated with this surgery. If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know.

The risk of complications after cheiloplasty is low, about 5% of cases. Here are some potential risks:

Infection- this is a risk with any surgery and is usually treatable with oral antibiotic therapy

Lip fold dermatitis- depending on the skin in the area, there can be a dermatitis (inflammation and/or infection) that develops in the area and additional therapy may be needed

Failure to help/persistent drooling- this procedure is supposed to help, but depending on the anatomy and tissues, we may fail to reduce drooling as much as you expect

Damage to tissues in the area could include muscle, nerves, blood vessels, salivary ducts/glands. Permanent damage is highly unlikely