

# Informed Consent

## Episioplasty (Vulvar Fold Resection)

You have elected to have your pet undergo a surgical procedure called episioplasty. This is a procedure by which excess skin around the vulva is resected. 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 episioplasty is low, about 5-10% of cases. Here are some potential risks:

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

Wound dehiscence (opening)- if the wound opens, additional therapy may be needed

Persistent vulvar fold dermatitis-depending on the skin in the area, there can be a dermatitis that develops or persists despite surgery and additional therapy may be needed

Failure to resolve the clinical signs (urinary tract infection, excess licking)- it's possible that the preoperative signs may persist following surgery. This may occur because something other than the excess vulvar tissue was causing the clinical signs.