

# PROPHYLACTIC GASTROPEXY (PEXY) FOR LARGE BREED DOGS



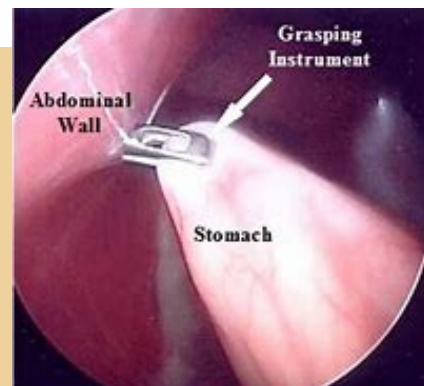
Although ANY breed or size of dog CAN develop GDV or Bloat, some breeds have been shown to have a predilection:

Akita  
Bernese Mountain Dog  
Boxer  
Collie  
Doberman Pinscher  
German Shepherd Dog  
(Any) Giant breed dog  
Gordon Setter  
Great Dane  
Great Pyrenees  
Greyhound  
Irish Setter  
Irish Wolfhound  
(Any) Large breed dog  
Mastiff  
Newfoundland  
Otterhound  
Rottweiler  
Saint Bernard  
Standard Poodle  
Weimaraner

- A prophylactic gastropexy is a surgical procedure done in young dogs that are at higher risk for developing GDV or bloat later in life
- Risk factors include being an 'at risk breed' or a dog who has a known relative that has bloated in the past.
- The surgery involves creating a permanent attachment of the outer stomach to the body wall (a pexy) so that the stomach can't twist on itself.
- A dog with a pexy may still bloat – ie fill up with gas – but since the stomach can't twist on itself, it is far less serious.
- Ideally, the procedure is done at the time of spaying or neutering.



Ready to go home just a few hours after  
'Lap Spay and Pexy'!



At Sault Ste. Marie Animal Clinic, we do a 'Lap-Assisted Gastropexy' which means we do part of the procedure laparoscopically - resulting in a smaller incision, less trauma to surrounding tissues and thus a faster recovery.  
Please ask for more information!