

Surgery Case Study



Meet Bodhi

Bodhi is a one year old male cat

HISTORY

Bodhi presented to VCA Veterinary Specialty & Emergency Center of Kalamazoo after falling off of a wall. He was non-weight bearing on his left rear leg. X-rays were performed, and he was diagnosed with a closed highly comminuted left tibial fracture. Bodhi was referred to Dr. Steven Baker for surgery in order to stabilize the fracture.

TREATMENT

Surgery was performed the same day as the injury. While significant bruising and edema were noted, the fractures were reduced and stabilized with multiple leg screws and a locking bone plate. Postoperative x-rays confirmed reduction of the fracture and appropriate implant placement. Bodhi was sent home with pain medications and instructions for activity restriction to allow proper healing.



Dr. Steven Baker is a board certified small animal surgeon in Kalamazoo, MI, proficient in soft tissue, oncologic, orthopedic, maxillofacial, and neurologic surgery. He received his

Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine from Michigan State University followed by a rotating internship at the University of Pennsylvania and surgical residency at Kansas State University. Visit our website to learn more about Dr. Baker and to contact us for an appointment today.

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RECOVERY

Eight weeks after surgery, Bodhi returned for recheck radiographs. These revealed completely healed tibial fractures and unchanged hardware. A month later, his owner sent a video of Bodhi running full speed on his awesome cat wheel.



15 Jul pre-op radiograph showing left tibial fracture.



15 Jul post-op radiograph showing orthopedic implants successfully placed to stabilize the tibial fractures.



9 Sep recheck radiograph demonstrating healed tibial fracture and stable implants.

