

# Open-heart Surgery Information Sheet

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valves but in the small number of patients we have operated on, there has been substantial improvement in valve function and most dogs are improved as a result of surgery.

**Congenital Heart Defects:** Open-heart surgery can be considered for a variety of congenital heart defects in dogs including atrial septal defect, ventricular septal defect, pulmonic stenosis, double-chambered right ventricle, tetralogy of Fallot and some patients with subaortic stenosis. The general

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