

## PILCHUCK VETERINARY HOSPITAL OFFERS LASER SURGERY FOR PETS

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A highly advanced laser system has just been incorporated into the practice of Pilchuck Veterinary Hospital. The CO2 surgical laser marketed by Union Medical Veterinary has recently emerged in veterinary medicine as one of the most valuable surgical instruments for all soft tissue procedures. Not only does the CO2 surgical laser replace the scalpel and conventional surgical methods for many procedures, it also enables veterinarians to offer less traumatic treatments for many surgical diseases, allowing doctors to surgically treat some conditions that would not respond well to conventional methods.

Dr. Jeff Duke of Pilchuck Veterinary Hospital purchased a laser specifically because it empowered him to practice good medicine while keeping the best interests of his patients in mind. Dr. Duke explains: “We purchased a CO2 surgical laser because I want to offer the best possible care for our patients. When laser surgery is used for soft tissue procedures such as tumor removals, oral mass removals, eye surgeries, ear procedures, cat declaws, and many more soft tissue applications, the physical and mental trauma associated with these procedures is greatly reduced. Laser surgery uses a non-contact mode that leaves no bruising, crushing, or tearing after making an incision. The laser simply incises through tissue while sealing blood vessels, lymphatic vessels, and nerve cells, which ultimately results in less blood loss, reduced post-surgery swelling, and less discomfort and pain. In addition to these benefits, the laser beam sterilizes as it cuts, reducing the incidents of post-operative infections. When pet owners understand the positive attributes of laser surgery—less pain, less bleeding, less swelling, and decreased occurrence of infection, I truly believe that they will choose the highest standard of care—laser surgery.”

Dr. Duke and his associates, Dr. Tim John and Dr. Kevin Wilson believe that laser surgery will often provide the best surgical treatment for your pets. Dr. Duke knows that laser surgery will place Pilchuck Veterinary Hospital in a unique position, both technologically and medically. “Not only will laser surgery put Pilchuck on the leading edge of veterinary technology, it will allow us to surgically treat some conditions that would not respond well to conventional methods.”