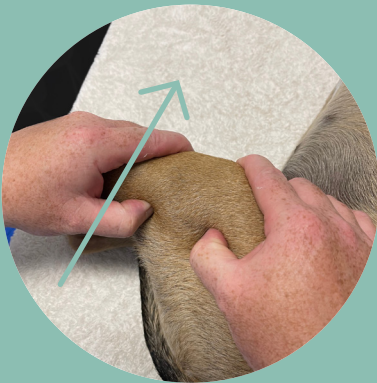


Knee3: Cruciate Disease Diagnosis in Dogs

Cruciate disease is the most common orthopaedic disease in dogs. However it's not the easiest disease to diagnose...

This is where our Knee3 diagnosis technique can help.

The Knee3 technique identifies pain – draw, hyper extension and internal rotation are all stressing the ACL in different ways and damaged ACL's are painful.

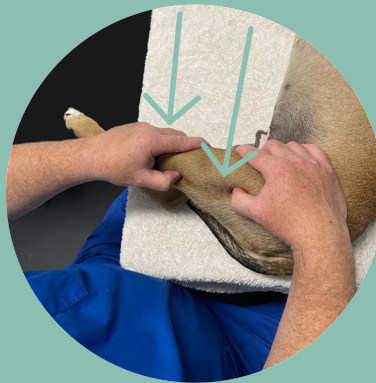


1: Draw

This is the basic assessment of the cranial cruciate ligament. The tibia and femur are gripped just above and below the stifle joint. The tibia is pushed cranially.

There are two things we want to know – is there laxity? and is it painful?

Draw should be assessed in flexion and extension.



2: Hyper Extension

The stifle joint is placed into hyper extension, but remember to keep the hip in a neutral position.

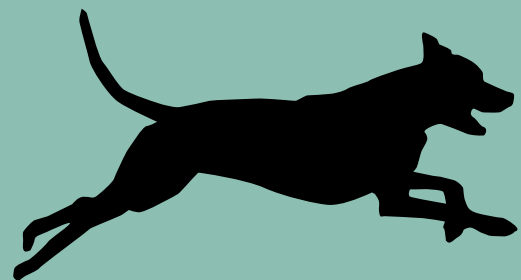
We want to see if there is pain associated with the pressure on the ACL?



3: Internal Rotation

With the leg in a stance position hold the femur still and internally rotate the foot.

Is this action painful?



For further information or to discuss how we can help with cruciate disease diagnosis and management, please contact Dr Andrew Jacotine of Veterinary Surgical Services Victoria and ACE Vet Hospital Euroa.