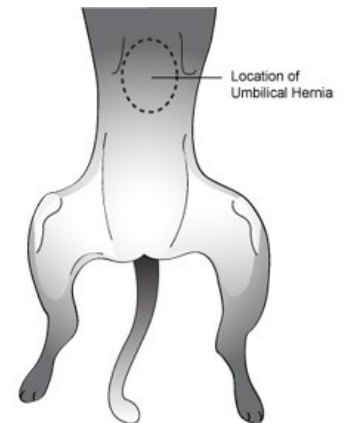


Umbilical & Inguinal Hernia

What is a hernia?

Umbilical and Inguinal Hernias occur when the abdominal wall fails to close, resulting in abdominal contents (abdominal lining, fat tissue, abdominal organ(s)) to bulge outside of the abdomen. The hernia appears as a soft swelling beneath the skin.



What causes a hernia?

There are several different reasons why animals have hernias. They can be genetically predisposed. The mother can cause a hernia by chewing the umbilical cord too close to the body wall. Hernias can also be the direct result of trauma, such as a pet that has been hit by a car.

Are hernias dangerous?

Hernias should be surgically repaired. The contents of the abdomen can get caught in the hernia cutting off the blood supply to that organ and eventually cause death to the entrapped organ.

How is a hernia repaired?

Surgical repair is necessary to fix a hernia. Most hernias are repaired at the time of your pet's spay or neuter procedure.