

Information for the patient owner

Gold acupuncture procedure

Everything you need to know to prepare yourself and your pet for a **gold acupuncture** procedure in the best possible manner.

Orthopedic pre-examination (duration approx. 1 hour)

- Thorough anamnesis (health history)
- Lameness exam
- Trigger point- / pain point exam
- Review of the exam findings and previously conducted exams, such as x-rays

The next step would be to lightly sedate the dog, so as to be able to conduct well-positioned x-rays of all painful regions. A sedation is unavoidable particularly in cases of painful hips, as the correct positioning will not be tolerated by a dog with pain and is thus not possible.

Sedation

- Before any sedation or anesthesia, the dog may not have
 - Food for 8 hours
 - Water for 1 – 2 hours
- Prior to the sedation, the general condition of the dog is examined, and the heart is auscultated
- If your dog has a pre-existing heart-, kidney- or liver condition, please consult your veterinarian about which measures should be taken before your appointment
- A sedation is a light anesthesia which can be reversed using a counter-anesthetic
- You can stay with your dog during the induction of the sedation
- The dog will receive a peripheral venous catheter in one of its legs through which the medications are administered for the anesthesia
 - This usually takes 2 – 5 minutes
- The eyes remain open – so they do not dry out, the dog will receive eye drops or an eye ointment
- The tongue is brought forward, short-nosed dogs may require an endotracheal tube

As soon as your dog is sleeping and is adequately cared for, the x-rays will be performed. You may not stay with your dog during this time because of radiation protection requirements. As soon as the x-rays are finished, the images and possible therapeutic options are discussed with you. The gold acupuncture procedure can subsequently be performed during the same sedation.

Gold acupuncture (duration approx. 1 hour)

- You can stay with your dog during the entire gold acupuncture procedure
- For circulatory stabilization, your dog will receive an infusion through the vein catheter
- Because your dog metabolizes the anesthetic, it continually needs small additional dosages
 - Our professional staff regularly checks this by testing reflexes in the eye
- All points which will be treated with implants are shaved, cleaned and disinfected
- Questions may be asked during the entire procedure and if you are interested, Mr. Rosin will show you the effect of the implants in your dog

Reversal of the sedation

- As soon as the treatment is completed, your dog will be placed on a blanket and will receive an injection with the counter-anesthetic in its muscle
- Waking up usually takes 10 – 15 minutes
- As soon as the dog lifts its head, the peripheral venous catheter is removed and a small pressure bandage is applied
 - This can be removed after approx. 30 minutes

Your dog will be slightly unsteady after the sedation and will need to rest. Additional information on how to support your dog after the treatment can be found in our document „Taking care of your pet after gold acupuncture“.

If you have any additional questions, contact us at **+49 221 22 23 33 77** or **praxis@tierarzt-gotenring.de**