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Courtenay Veterinary Clinic— 1 of 100 offering Laser Surgery in Canada

Pets experience reduced pain & bleeding... faster recovery time

Courtenay, BC—Doctors Candice Hall and Tom Van Dyck of **Courtenay Veterinary Clinic** announced today that they are one of only 100 practices in Canada to offer laser surgery as an option for the safe and comfortable treatment of pets.

According to Dr. Hall, “When a new technology allows a patient to recover more rapidly with less pain, swelling and bleeding, we are pleased to offer it to our clients.”

The reason for such benefits is simple: the laser seals blood vessels and nerve endings while it cuts. Lasers work by delivering a concentrated beam of light at 10,660 nm. The laser energy instantly vapourizes water in soft tissues, resulting in precise incisions with little effect on surrounding tissue.

Replacing the scalpel in many human procedures for years, laser is just now gaining popularity in veterinary practices. It can be used for routine procedures, such as ovariohysterectomies (spays) and castrations (neuters). It is also beneficial for removal of tumours, cysts, and warts.

Dr. Van Dyck added that the laser’s accuracy means surgeries in and around the eyes, ears, and mouth, which were very difficult with the scalpel, are now far less complicated.

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