

Nontraumatic Acute Abdomen in Dogs and Cats: top tips for surgical approach to GI causes

Acute abdomen describes a state of the acute onset of abdominal pain and may be associated with a wide variety of disease processes, ranging from self-limiting conditions to surgical emergencies. Many surgical cases of acute abdomen originate from gastrointestinal tract. These critically ill, emergency patients will present with disorders that require surgery as part of a definitive care. In these cases, the emergency surgeon should be prepared to perform potentially life-saving GI surgical procedures. Earlier surgical treatment of stabilized dogs is associated with fewer complex procedures, shorter surgeries and faster recovery times.