

Why Gastropexy is Important for Standard Poodles

Protecting Your Dog from a Life-Threatening Emergency

What Is Gastropexy?

Gastropexy is a preventive surgical procedure that attaches the stomach to the abdominal wall to prevent it from twisting—a condition known as Gastric Dilatation and Volvulus (GDV), or bloat.

GDV is a life-threatening emergency that occurs most commonly in large, deep-chested breeds, including the Standard Poodle. Without immediate treatment, it can lead to shock, organ failure, and death—sometimes within just a few hours.

Why Standard Poodles Are at Risk

Standard Poodles, due to their body structure, are among the breeds most at risk for GDV. According to the UC Davis Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital, breeds like the **Standard Poodle**, Great Dane, and Weimaraner have a significantly higher incidence of bloat.

How Gastropexy Protects Your Dog

During a gastropexy, a veterinarian surgically attaches your dog's stomach to the abdominal wall. This simple, low-risk procedure:

Prevents the stomach from twisting in the event of bloat

Reduces the risk of GDV from up to 37% to less than 5%

Can be performed at the same time as spay or neuter surgery

UC Davis and other veterinary institutions recommend prophylactic gastropexy for at-risk breeds as early as 6–12 months old, often during routine sterilization surgery.

Cost vs. Emergency Surgery

Gastropexy costs are significantly less than emergency surgery for GDV.

With gastropexy, you're making a preventive investment in your dog's long-term health and avoiding the panic and heartbreak of a middle-of-the-night emergency.

Learn More

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Final Takeaway

Norcal Poodle Rescue requires all the standard poodles receive a gastropexy because we strongly believe that Gastropexy saves lives.