**Patient Prep for Laparotomy**

1. Right Flank, Lumbosacral region, left and right jugular areas as well as the area of the left and right cephalic veins were shaved the day prior to surgery.
2. The animals were fasted for 24hrs before surgery.
3. Prior to surgery, the animal’s vitals were taken and recorded.
4. 500 I.U Tetanus Antitoxin(SC), Flunixin (2.2mg/kg IV) and Pen-strep (20,000I.U/kg IM) were administered.
5. Xylazine 2%(0.05mg/kg) was then administered IM. After onset of drug, the animal was taken to the surgery room (restrained by a halter)
6. An IV catheter was inserted into the cephalic vein and a back-up catheter placed in the jugular vein.
7. Catheter was then used in administer Ketamine 10% (6mg/kg) IV.
8. The lumbosacral area was scrubbed with diluted chlorhexidine solution. A high epidural was the performed using 2% Lidocaine(1mg/kg). (On insertion of the needle, CSF was observed so only half the dose of lidocaine was given).
9. An endotracheal tude was then inserted and drip line attached.
10. The incision site was scrubbed with diluted chlorhexidine followed by alternate swabbing with providone iodine and alcohol starting near the incision site and moving away.
11. Drapes were then placed around the incision site and clapped in place.