



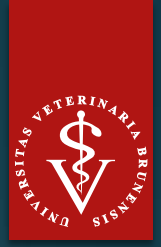
Small Animal Clinics



ARTHROCENTESIS

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INDICATIONS

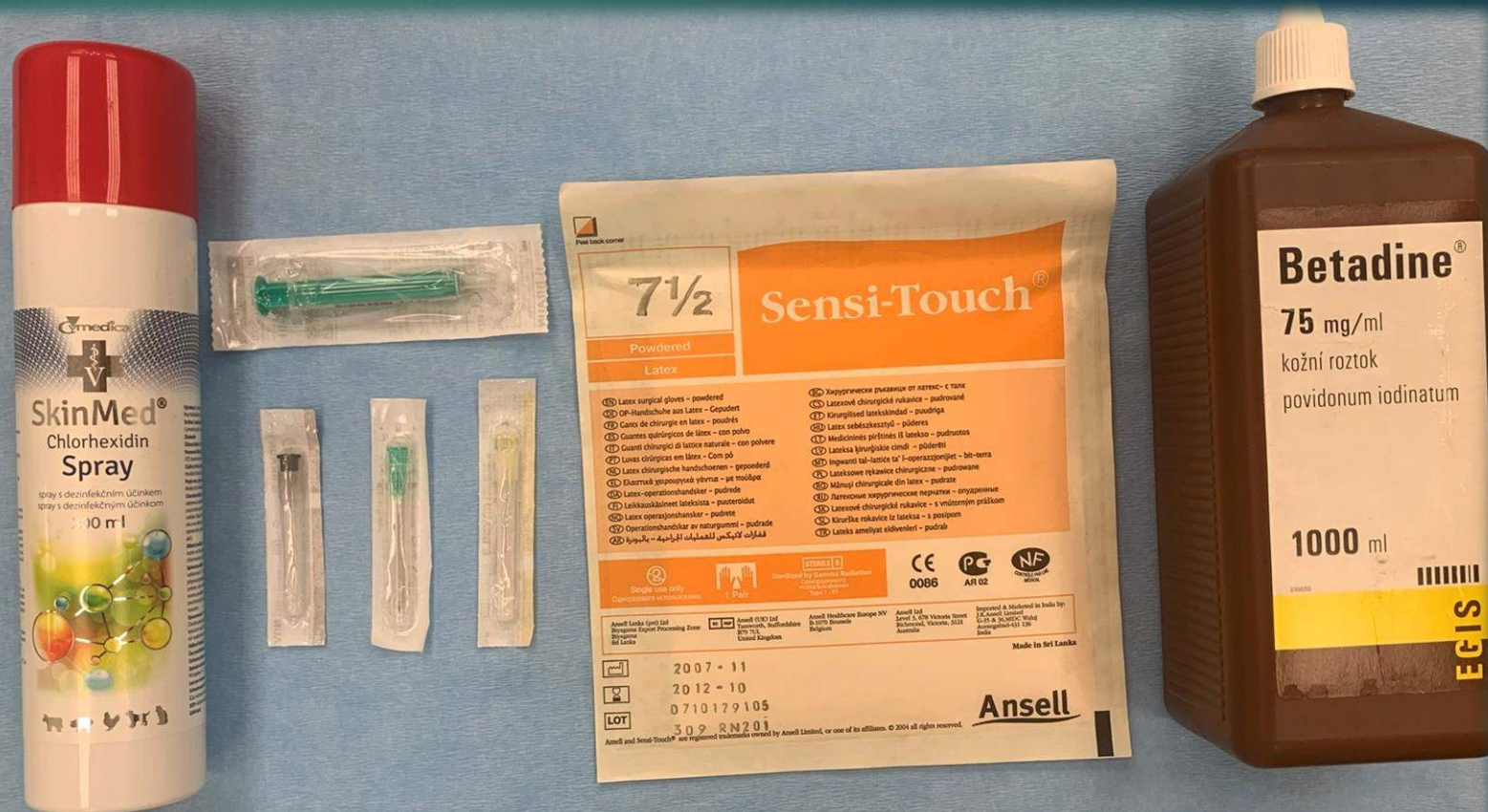
- Diagnostic Arthrocentesis
 - Septic arthritis
 - Immune mediated diseases
 - Osteo-arthritis
- Drug application
 - Corticosteroids
 - Derivate hyaluronic acid
 - Experimental
 - Stem cells
 - Conditioned blood serum

CONTRAINDICATIONS

- ❖ Peri-articular infections
- ❖ Bacteremia

MATERIAL

- 2ml syringe
- Sterile gloves
- Needles
 - Small breeds: 25G,
 - Large breeds: 22G,
- Betadine
- Chlorhexidine spray
- Microscope slides





PATIENT PREPARATION

- ✓ Clinical and orthopedic examination
- ✓ Insertion of i.v. catheter
- ✓ Sedation / Anaesthesia
- ✓ Intubation of brachycephalic breeds
- ✓ Trimming the fur over the joint
- ✓ Scrub 3 times with iodine soap
- ✓ Application of chlorhexidine

SURGEON PREPARATION

- Preparation of sterile material
- Surgical scrub of hands
- Application of sterilium on hands
- Use of sterile gloves
- Follow the principles of aseptic approach

ANAESTHESIA

→ Cat

- Medetomidine 10 – 25 µg/kg
- Ketamin 7 – 10 mg/kg
- Propofol 2 – 10mg/kg titrated

→ Dog

- Medetomidine 10 – 25 µg/kg
- Butorphanol 0,1 – 0,3 mg/kg
- Propofol 2 – 10 mg/kg titrated

Carpus

Antebrachiocarpal & Intercarpal joint

Method:

1. Lateral / dorsal recumbency
2. Trimming the carpus area
3. Preparation of arthrocentesis area
4. Flexion of carpus



Method:

1. Palpation of joint fissure
2. Palpation of carpal extensors



Method:

1. Inject vertically to the skin
2. Avoid carpal extensors
3. Aspiration after skin penetration





Antebrachiocarpal joint



Intercarpal joint



Antebrachiocarpal joint

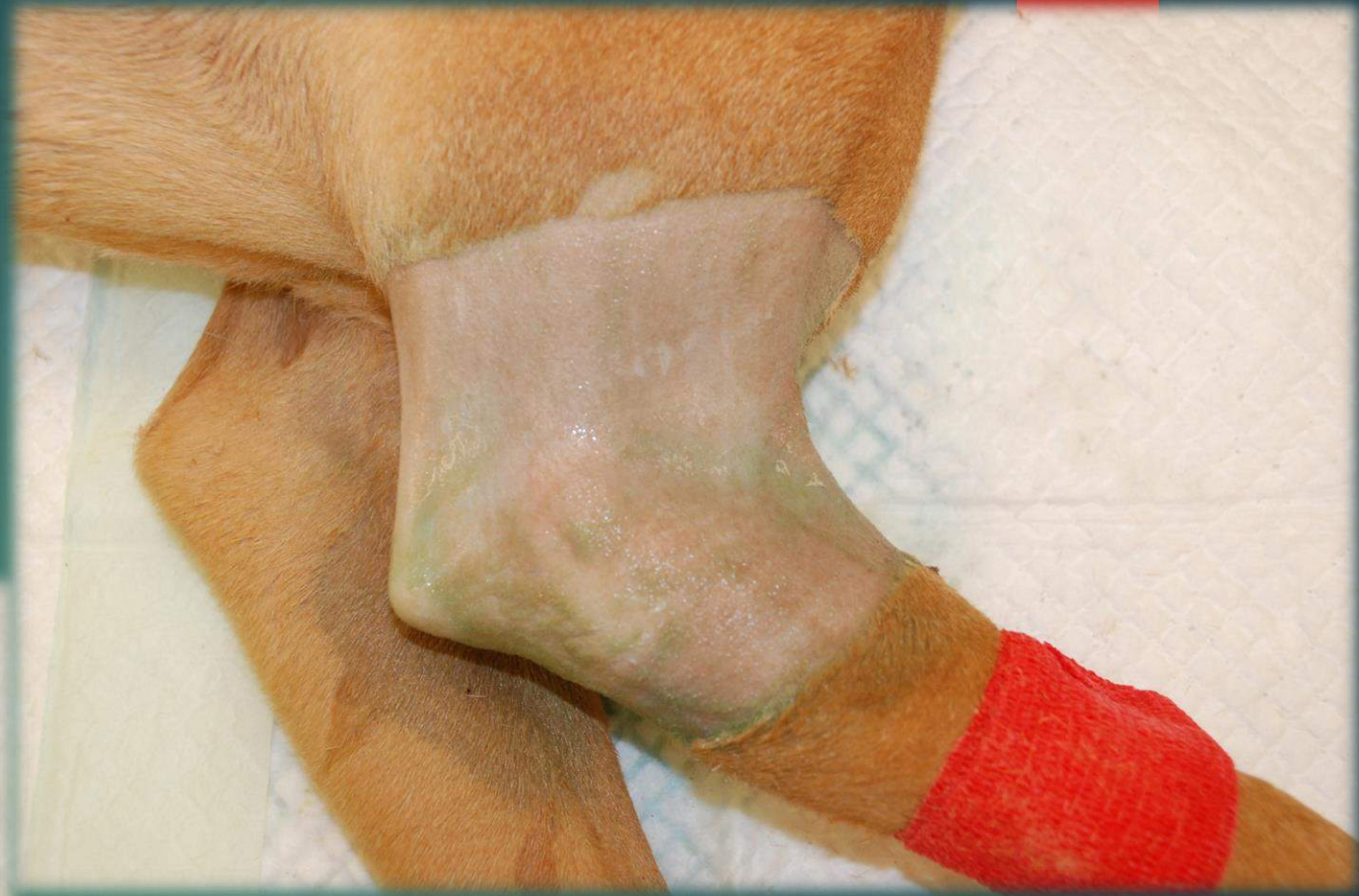
Intercarpal joint

Elbow

Caudolateral approach

Method:

1. Lateral recumbency
2. Trimming of elbow area
3. Preparation of arthrocentesis area
4. Limb in neutral position or flexed



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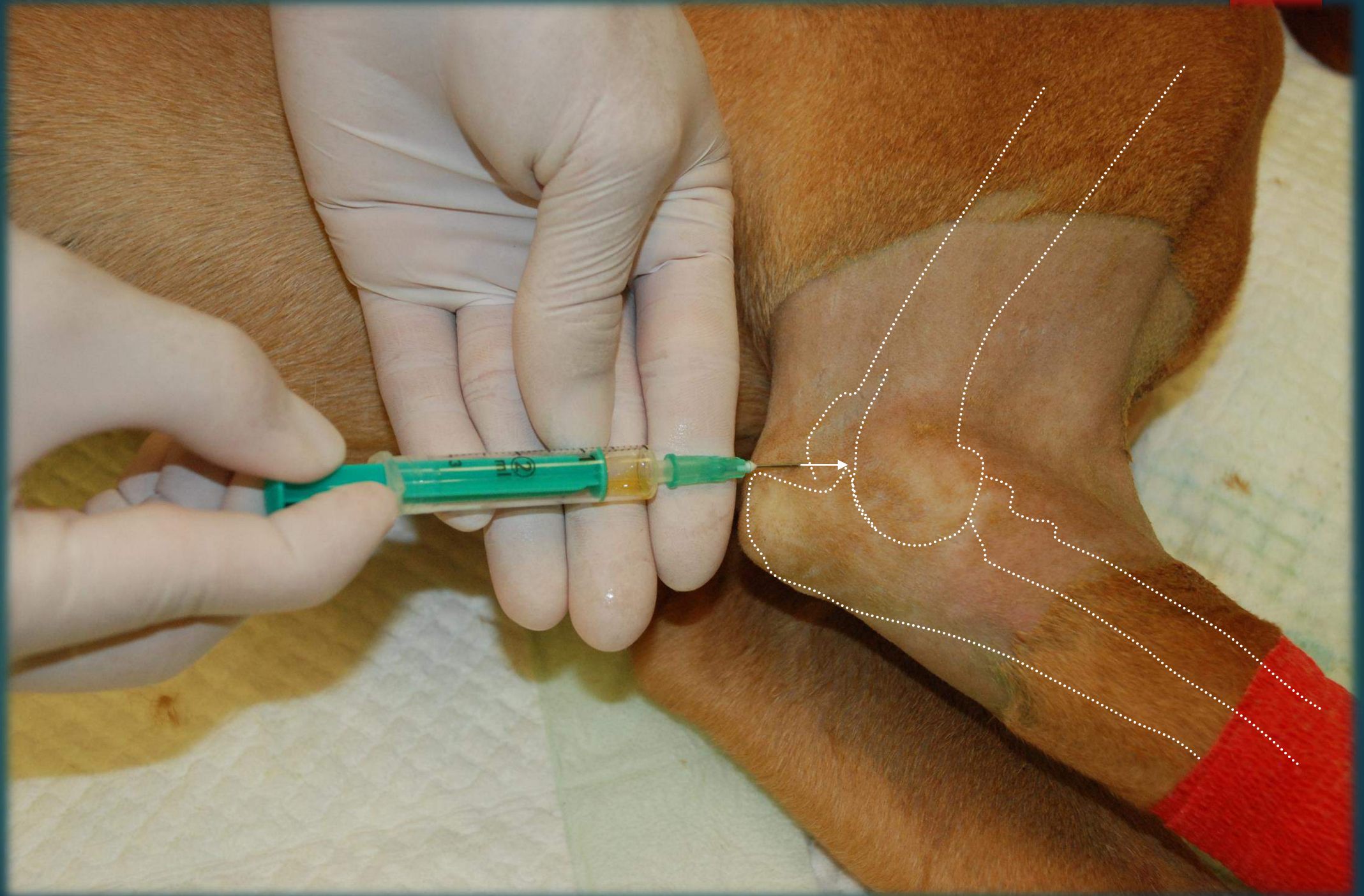
1. Palpation of olecranon
2. Palpation of lat. epicondyle



Method:

1. Skin penetration caudally at level of lat. epicondyle
2. Needle is introduced between lat. epicondyle and olecranon





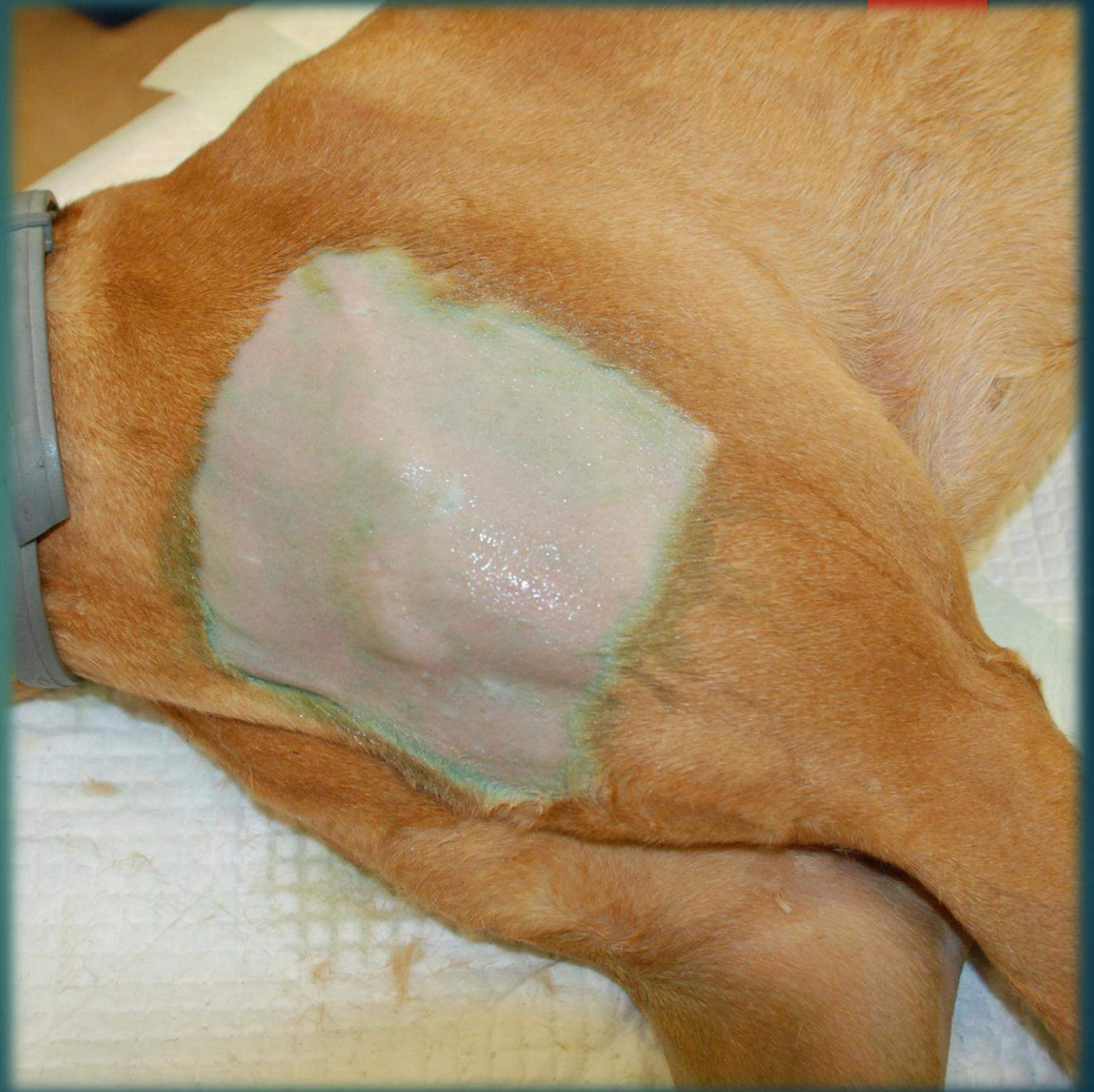


Shoulder

Craniolateral approach

Method:

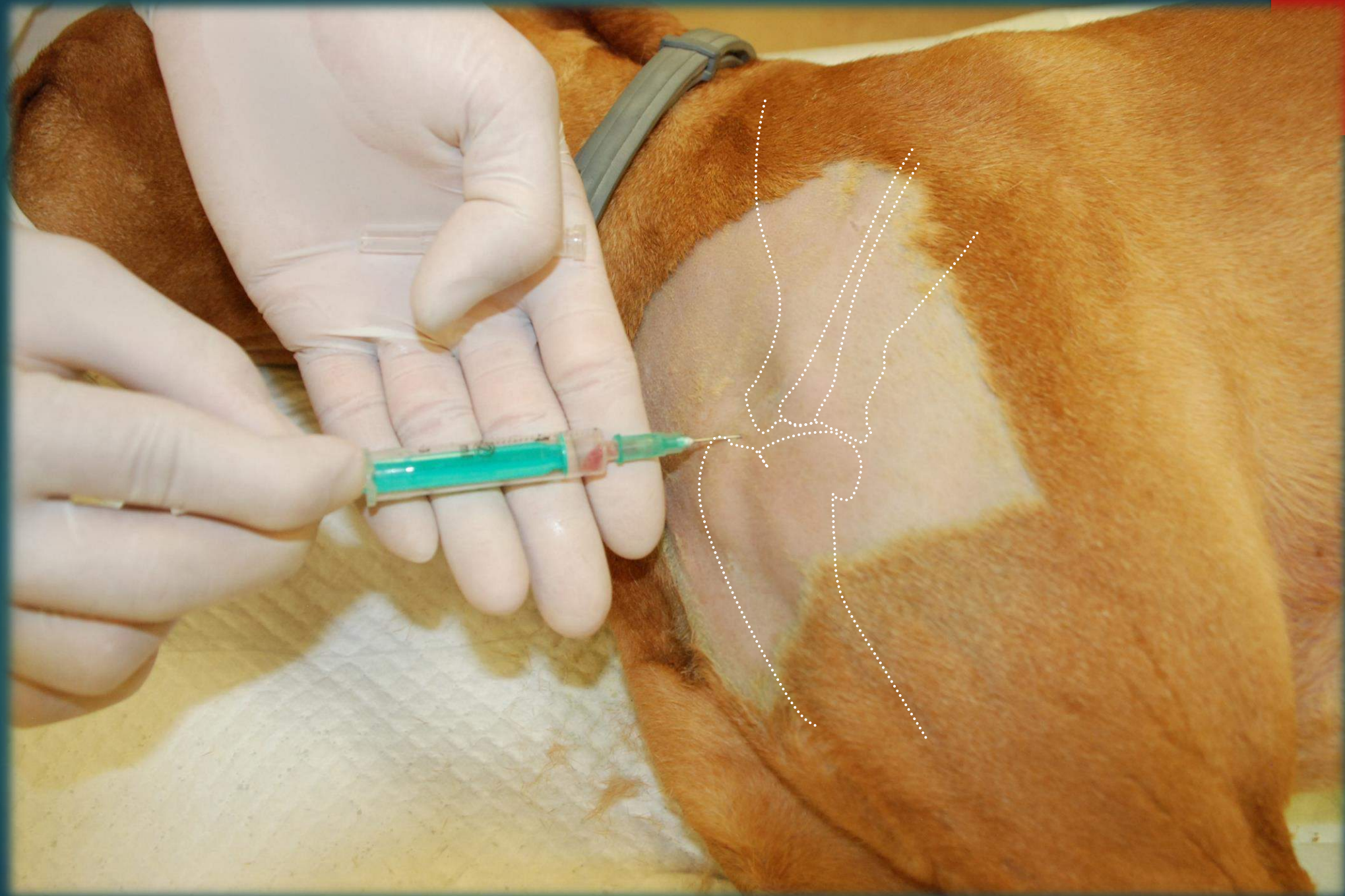
1. Lateral recumbency
2. Trimming the shoulder area
3. Preparation of arthrocentesis area
4. Neutral limb position



Method:

1. Palpation of acromion
2. Palpation of tuberculum majus humeri
3. Skin penetration 1-2cm below acromion
4. Skin penetration on cranial margin of tuberculum majus humeri







Tarsus

Caudolateral approach

Method:

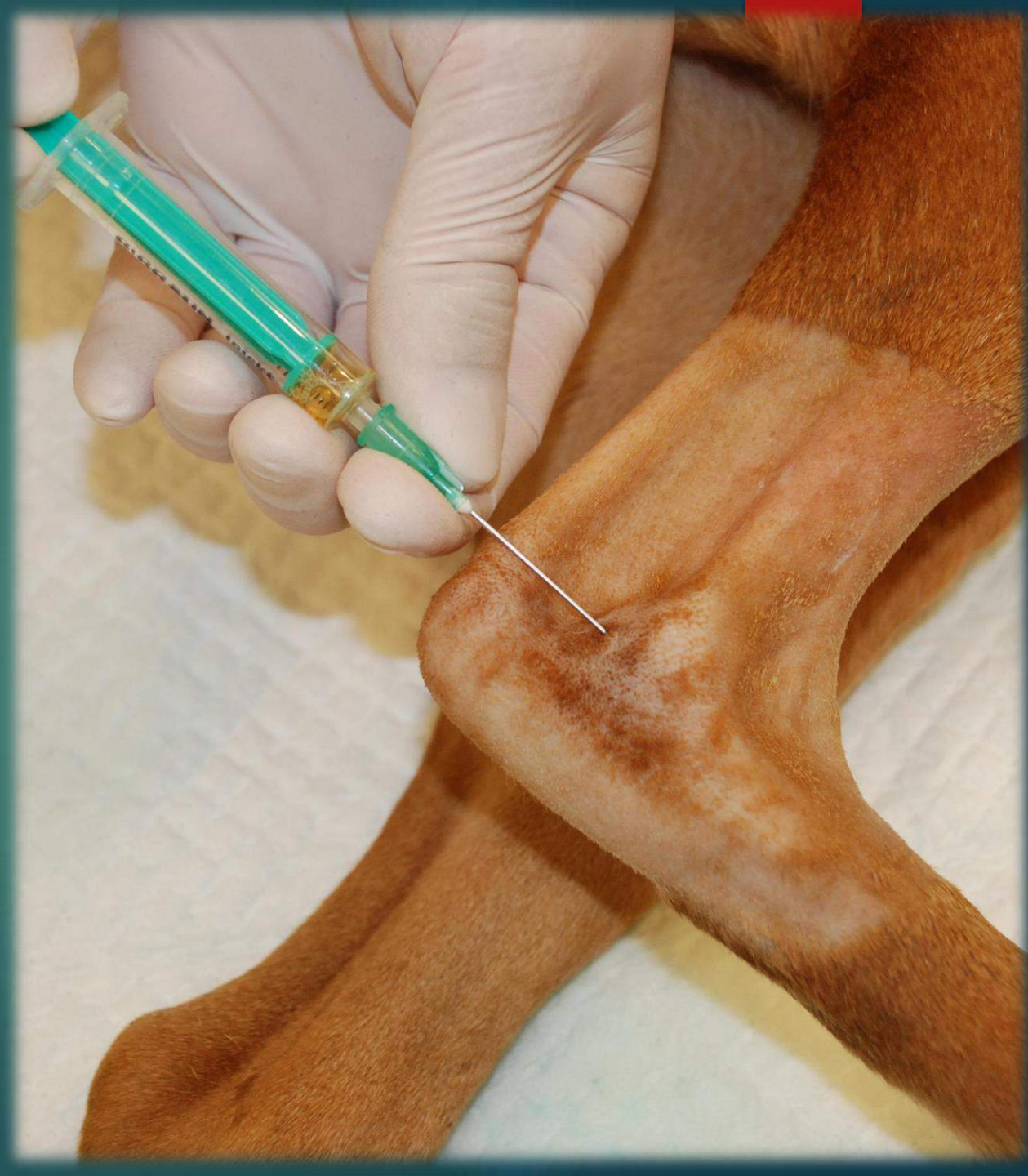
1. Lateral recumbency
2. Trimming of the tarsal area
3. Preparation of arthrocentesis area



Method:

1. Flexion of tarsus
2. Palpation of malleolus
3. Insertion of needle caudally
4. The needle is placed axial to the malleoli





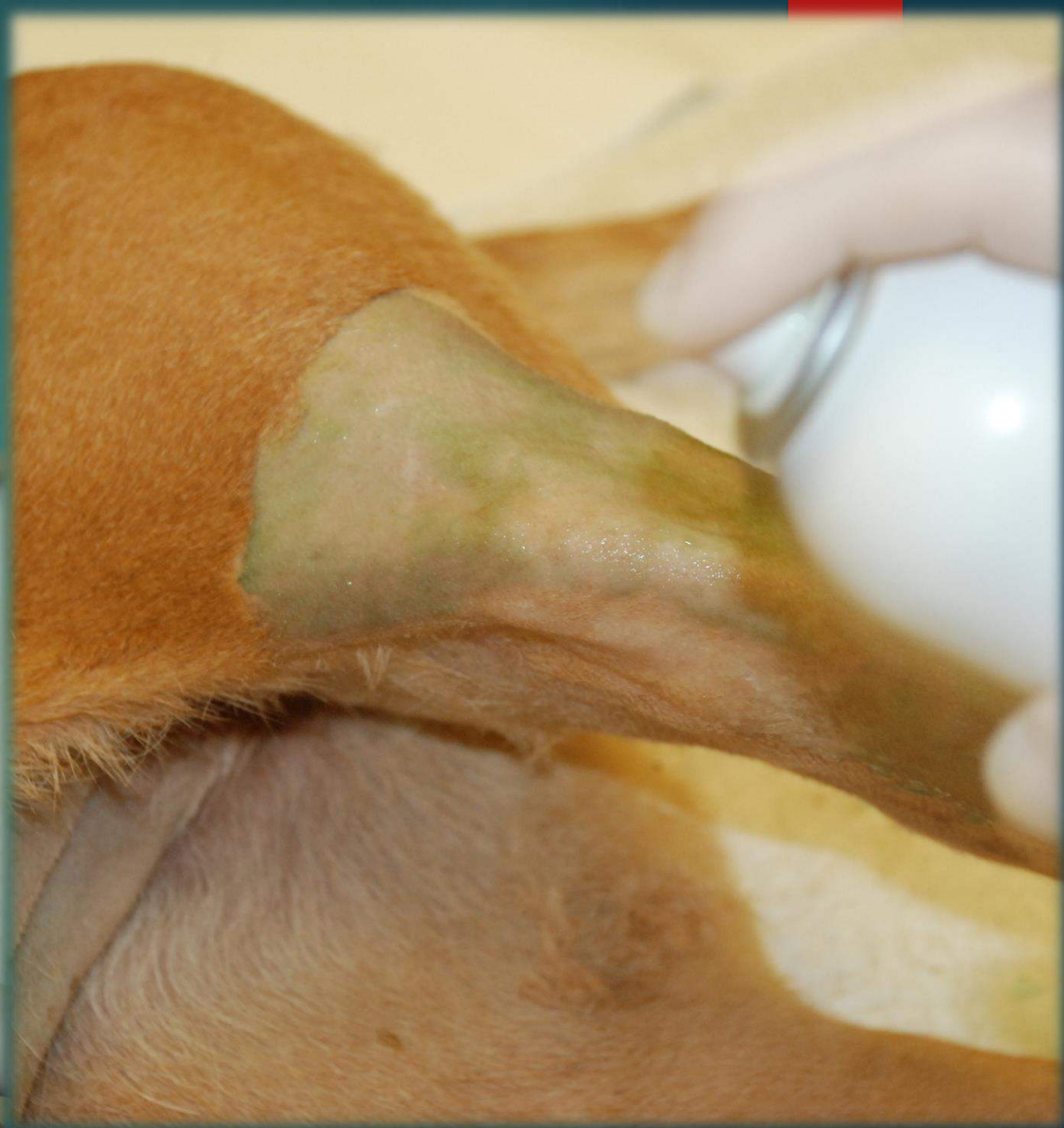


Stifle

Lateral Approach

Method:

1. Lateral recumbency
2. Trimming of the stifle area
3. Preparation of arthrocentesis area
4. Flexion of the knee joint



Method:

1. Palpation of lig. patellae
2. Injection laterally/medially to lig.
3. Finger pressure from the opposite site
4. Aspiration after skin penetration



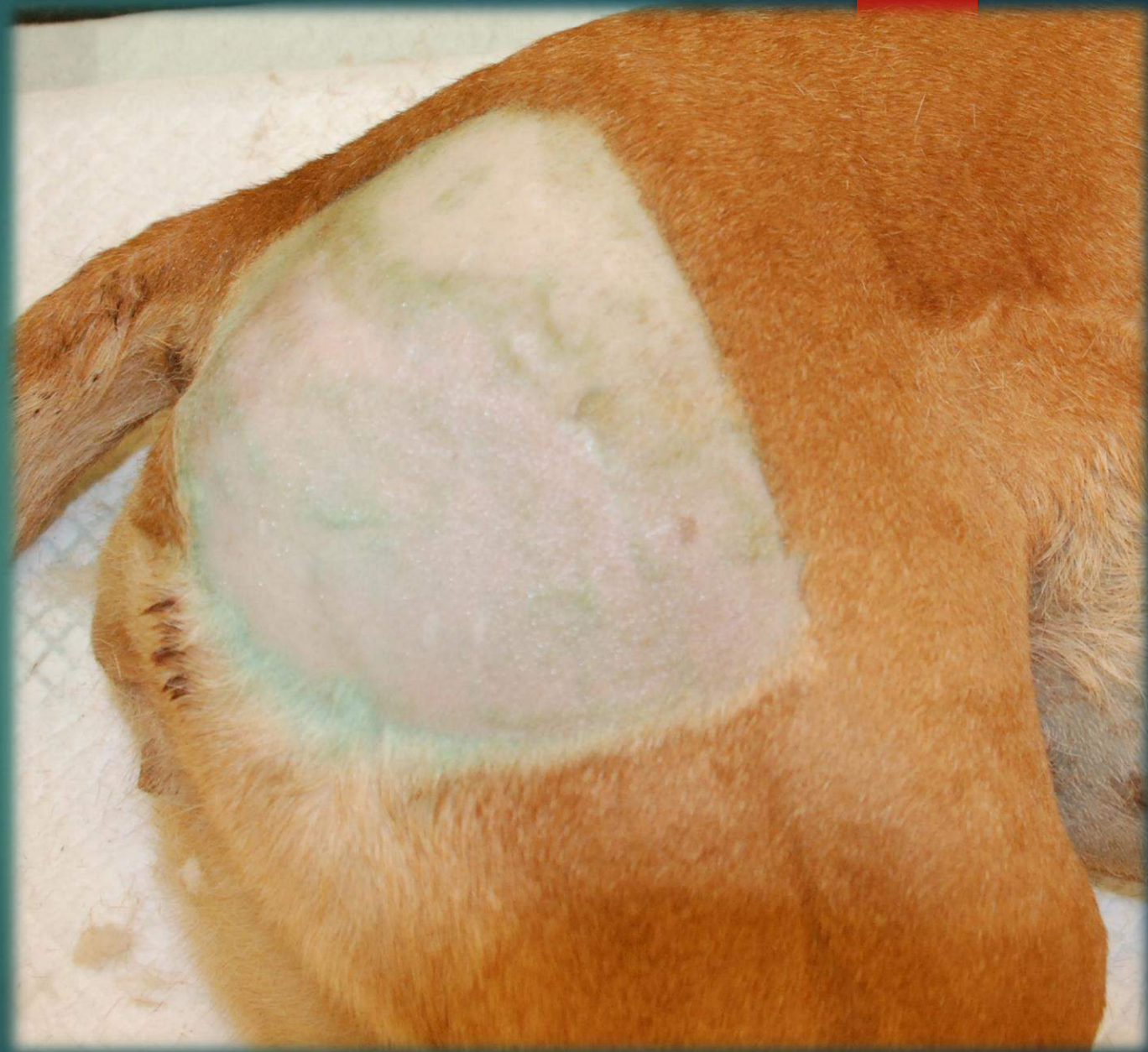


HIP

Dorsal Approach

Method:

1. Lateral recumbency
2. Trimming of the hip area
3. Preparation of arthrocentesis area
4. Limb in neutral position



Method:

1. External rotation of femur
2. Palpation of greater trochanter
3. Injection craniodorsally in front of greater trochanter
4. Aspiration





Complications



Problem	Solution
None or little fluid in joint	none
Soft tissue in the needle	Use new or different needle – i.e. spinal needle
Joint is too shallow	Try different needle – i.e. spinal needle – short beveled needle
Excessive synovial villi or fat tissue	Twist the needle 90° and reaspirate / inject the needle deeper
Needle not in the joint	Reinsert the needle



Synovial evaluation

Fluid Type	Fluid Color	Cell Count (WBC/ μ L)	Neutrophils (%)	Mononuclear Cells (%)
Normal	Clear pale yellow	<3000	<1.4	>98.6
DJD, trauma, hemarthrosis	Clear orange	3000–5000	<10	\geq 90
Immune-mediated arthritis	Cloudy yellow-white	4000–370 000	>90	\leq 10
Bacterial arthritis	Cloudy yellow-white	15 000–267 000	77–95	5–23