



COST ESTIMATES & PROGNOSIS FOR SOME COMMON COLIC SURGERY PROCEDURES

Type of Colic	Cost *	Prognosis **	Factors Affecting
Exploration of the abdomen only	\$3000.00 - \$4000.00+	Euthanasia on the table	Time under anesthesia
Small colon impaction	\$6500 - \$9000.00+	75% survival to discharge	Infection or colitis duration & location of impaction
Large colon displacement/impaction	\$8500-10,000+	85% - 90% survival to discharge	Duration, specific type of impaction or displacement, & damage to colon
Strangulating large colon volvulus	\$10,000 - \$12,000.00+	10% - 85% [65%] survival to discharge	Damage to colon & duration
Small intestinal resection/anastomosis	\$10,000 - \$14,000.00+	10%-85% [65%] survival to discharge	Amount & location of affected intestine & duration
Small intestinal obstruction without resection	\$9000-\$12,000+	80% survival to discharge	Nature of intestinal obstruction. Infections of the intestine may have worse prognosis.

**Costs include surgery and post-operative care. Costs are from the time the decision is made for surgery until discharge. Treatments prior to surgery are not included. The “+” accounts for the possibility of complications or extenuating circumstances that can increase cost. We try to give you a general estimate of cost before surgery. Once we open the abdomen, we can give you a better idea of expected cost and survival percentage. Once a diagnosis is made and costs and survival percentage are discussed, a decision can be made as to whether to continue with the surgery or to euthanize the horse on the surgery table.*

*** The above percentages reflect the survival to discharge from the hospital. A percentage of horses that survive colic surgery and return home will not be alive 1 year later. Intestinal damage from the original condition, recurrence of that abdominal problem or others, as well as other complications are responsible for this. The % of survival long-term depends on many factors. Ask us to discuss these factors with you before you agree to colic surgery. Another important consideration when making this decision is your particular horse's temperament.*