**TREATMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF AURAL HEMATOMA IN A DOG WITH PRESSSURE PAD BANDAGE: A CASE REPORT**

**ABSTRACT**

A one year old male Spitz dog named ‘Ribo’ of 10 kg body weight was brought to the Small Animal Clinics (Surgery unit) in Madras Veterinary College with a complain of soft swelling at the inner surface of the pinna with a history of violent head shaking and frequent scratching of the ear. Physical examination findings revealed a hematoma in right ear. This case was treated by incisional drainage followed by application of pressure pad bandages. After being anesthetized, the operation side was preparing aseptically by povidone-iodine thoroughly. An S-shaped incision was given at the middle of the haematomal swelling with the scalpel. Finally roll of gauges was adjusted at the concave surface of the pinna from the ear canal to the tip of the pinna in such a manner that it fixed the pinna. Post-operatively, the dog was treated with a combined antibiotic to prevent the secondary infection and analgesic for pain management. After operation there was oozing up to 6 days, which was dressed aseptically. Healing was started from the 9th day. Normal diet was provided by the owner. At day 16, the wound found healed completely. Pressure bandage creates tension and pressure that may distort the shape of ear. The proper drainage is the major short fall of this treatment. However, this method was successfully correct the aural hematoma in dog as there was no major post-operative complication as well as the patient recover satisfactorily.

**Key words:** Aural hematoma, Dog, Pressure bandage.

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