



Scent gland removal in the skunk.

on either side. This brought the two pink papules located just inside and lateral to the anal ring into view. An Allis forceps was used to gently clamp onto the visible nipples. By blunt dissection and gentle traction the whitish glands were separated from the surrounding tissue and the nipples and attached sacs were removed. No suturing is necessary following removal of the glands.

The skunk made an uneventful recovery following surgery, and it has become an interesting family pet.

\* This operation took place in the hospital of W.A. Danker, D.V.M.

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#### Gunshot Wound In German Shorthair Pointer.

A female German Shorthair Pointer was brought into the clinic with an extensive wound of the thoracic area just behind the axillary region. There was some oozing of serum from many small punctures in the skin, apparently caused by shot gun pellets. The dog was placed on Kymar\* to try to clear away the damaged tissue and to stop the swelling in the area. This was discontinued after one week because the fistulas to the outside were not draining properly and the swelling increased noticeably.

An x-ray was taken and it showed several shot gun pellets in the area. The dog was put on penicillin and streptomycin injections twice daily for five days, and then it was decided to remove some of the necrotic area beneath the skin.

The dog was given one grain of morphine as a basal anesthetic. Sodium pentobarbital was used as the general anesthetic. A large area posterior to the scapula was prepared for surgery. An incision was made from the posterior edge of the latissimus dorsi muscle in an arc around to the first nipple. The skin was reflected away from the fistulous tissue. The fistulous tracts ramified in an area from the front leg to the posterior end of the rib cage, and from the lateral processes of the vertebrae to the midventral line. A large mass of the fistulated tissue was bluntly dissected away and removed. Subcutaneous cat gut sutures were placed and the skin was sutured with vetafil. A roller bandage was applied and the dog was returned to its cage.

The dog was placed on penicillin-streptomycin injections twice daily for three days. On the fourth day post-surgery, a large amount of fluid had collected in the subcutaneous spaces. Eighty cubic centimeters of bloody serum was aspirated with a needle and syringe. The next day 150 cubic centimeters of fluid had collected and it too was removed. This accumulation continued for three more days, but in gradually diminishing amounts. On the seventh day post-surgery, the serum was draining by itself via a small midventral opening through the skin incision. The pressure pack was discontinued, but penicillin-streptomycin ointment was applied along the line of the incision. The sutures were removed two days later and the penicillin-streptomycin ointment was continued for four days. On the eleventh day after surgery the serum had stopped oozing and the incision was holding nicely. The dog was discharged with no appreciable after affects.

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#### \*Ventriculocordectomy In A Siamese Cat.

It is not infrequent that clients complain to their veterinarian about the persistent loud caterwauling of