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Angular Limb Deformity



Preoperative views of a 7 mo old yellow lab with an angular deformity of the left front limb. The foot and carpus are rotated outwardly by 90° in relation to the elbow. The limb is shorter (limb length disparity is present). Associated dorsal bowing of the radius is visible and extreme stress on the carpal joint is present. This type of angular deformity occurs following premature closure of the distal ulnar growth plate with continued growth of the distal radius under the constraint of the slowed or arrested ulnar growth. As the radius continues to grow, the bone bows dorsally and the carpus and foot



Postoperative views showing the fixator in place (left) and immediately following fixator removal. Limb alignment and length are significantly improved. Function and comfort in the limb are excellent.

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