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This procedure should be performed by experienced technicians only. Inappropriate techniques could cause pain and/or injury to the dog.



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