

Darcy Adin, discussed the institution's open-heart surgery program for dogs with degenerative mitral valve disease. The program, which began in August 2023, has performed 98 surgeries with a 93% success rate, making it the only such program in the United States. Darcy explained the surgical procedure, patient screening process, and post-operative care, highlighting the team's commitment to training and expanding the program's reach through fellowship programs. The presentation also covered the program's challenges, including high costs and limited availability, as well as its impact on improving the lives of dogs with heart disease. Watch the video of this talk by going to the Meetings page of the RFUF website and clicking on the March 4th meeting. Videos remain active on the website for 6 months after each meeting. All photos courtesy of Saeed Khan, Kelly Sobers, Dave Pokorney and Steve Lodle.





