The wound was clipped and aseptically cleaned. Dr. Shih, Tick’s owner brought him to the ER with blood-tinged fur and golden retriever mix, as an example of using NSAIDs to directed, RIMADYL Injectable is a safe and effective tool.

Prior to surgery, Tick received 4 mg/kg of RIMADYL Injectable subcutaneously along with 125 mcg/m² doxymedetomidine and 0.1 mg/kg hydromorphone intramuscularly. Anesthesia was induced with propofol and maintained with isoflurane. Dr. Shih also explained why it was important to do a complete physical exam and preliminary blood work on Tick before surgery. "In this case we took advantage of the long-lasting analgesics and anti-inflammatory properties of RIMADYL," Dr. Shih concluded. "RIMADYL Injectable is ideal for the perioperative period and the oral formulation ensures NSAID levels until the end of the inflammatory period. For many soft tissue surgeries, I would recommend this protocol to help manage the patient’s pain effectively and produce positive outcomes—as long as time is taken to explain to pet owners the benefits and risks of NSAIDs and RIMADYL to help increase compliance and decrease risk of polypharmacy."

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Tick received 4 mg/kg of RIMADYL Injectable subcutaneously prior to surgery. Dr. Shih went on to suggest that, "For moderate painful soft tissue procedures like ovariohysterectomy, neutering and wound closure, RIMADYL is a good analgesic substitute for opioids, because it can be used without the strict record keeping required of a narcotic class drug. In a research setting, RIMADYL provided as much analgesia as buprenorphine, meperidine or morphine for soft tissue surgery.1 Hence, I chose to discharge Tick with RIMADYL as the sole analgesic.

"RIMADYL Injectable provides postoperative analgesia for up to 24 hours after a single dose.2 "The timing of administration to prevent pain is critical," Dr. Shih added. We elected to give RIMADYL Injectable prior to a surgical procedure to preemptively reduce inflammation associated with the surgical manipulation. Administration prior to surgery gives ample time for absorption and ensures adequate levels of the drug during surgery, increasing the patient’s comfort and facilitating a smooth recovery. I just administering analgesics before the insult is not enough," he stressed. "RIMADYL Injectable is effective when the analgesic is carried out throughout surgical and postsurgical inflammatory period. By explaining this to his owners, I increased their compliance in giving RIMADYL tablets as prescribed."