**Endoscopy**

We provide comprehensive care to you and your pet through the integration of science, compassion, and integrity.

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**Rhinoscopy/Laryngoscopy**

Rhinoscopy and laryngoscopy may be recommended by specialists to evaluate the nose and/or larynx.

Our rhinoscopes enable extensive evaluation of the nasal passages for inflammation, fungal disease, and tumors—especially in conjunction with a CT scan. SAGE doctors also are able to remove inhaled foreign bodies, such as foxtails, using these scopes.

**Other Types of Endoscopy:**

**Cystoscopy**

Rigid cystoscopes allow our doctors to evaluate the urinary tract, including the bladder and urethra. Cystoscopy can be used to look for polyps, stones, tumors, and even ectopic ureters.

**Vaginoscopy**

SAGE doctors use a rigid scope to evaluate the vaginal tract for abnormalities or disease. They can even perform transcervical inseminations for breeding patients.
**What is endoscopy?**

Endoscopy utilizes an endoscope, or fiber-optic tubular instrument, to evaluate the internal structures of the body via a lighted miniature camera. It is a minimally invasive procedure performed by doctors who have undergone specialized training with this equipment. Our specialists are able to visualize structures, such as body cavities or organs, in magnified form through an eyepiece or on a monitor. They also can capture photos or video with the endoscope. Endoscopy allows SAGE specialists to do minimally invasive surgery to obtain biopsies or perform certain procedures. Your family veterinarian or one of our specialists may recommend an endoscopic procedure for diagnosis or treatment of your pet’s condition.

**Why choose endoscopy?**

Endoscopy is less invasive than a surgical exploration and requires less recovery time. It also offers internal views of body systems that may not be seen even with surgery. Sometimes, however, traditional surgery is a better option. In cases where multiple organs are affected, or a foreign body cannot be retrieved with the scope, surgery is indicated. Our specialists will talk to you about the best option for your pet.

**TYPES OF ENDOSCOPY**

Several different types of endoscopies are performed at SAGE by board-certified internal medicine specialists.

**Gastroduodenoscopy**

Our flexible endoscopes allow SAGE doctors to see inside the esophagus, stomach, and upper intestine. They are then able to obtain biopsies of the stomach and upper intestine by inserting a small biopsy instrument through the scope. Likewise, they can remove foreign bodies from the stomach and esophagus by feeding specialized graspers through the endoscope.

**Colonoscopy**

Both flexible and rigid scopes allow excellent evaluation of the colon and rectum in patients with lower bowel disease. Our specialists then can take biopsies of the affected areas in a minimally invasive manner.

**Bronchoscopy/Tracheoscopy**

Bronchoscopy and tracheoscopy allow SAGE specialists to view and evaluate a pet’s lower and upper airways.

Flexible bronchoscopes evaluate the airways and trachea for many conditions, whether temporary or ongoing. Doctors can sometimes use scopes to remove foreign bodies, such as foxtails or grass blades, for immediate relief. Or for patients with chronic problems, our doctors can obtain cell samples via an airway wash to test for diseases such as asthma, bronchitis, or pneumonia.

Bronchoscopy may also be used to address tracheal collapse, a common chronic condition in toy breed dogs. Using bronchoscopes, our specialists can evaluate both the location and severity of collapse to determine treatment options. In some cases, SAGE doctors can use a bronchoscope to place stents within the trachea to hold it open permanently.