What is GDV? - GDV or gastric torsion occurs when a dog’s stomach becomes twisted inside the abdomen blocking the flow of food and blood to the stomach. Dogs with an untreated torsion can die in minutes to just a few hours.

Which breeds are at risk for GDV? - Large breed dogs with deep chest cavities are the most susceptible to GDV.

How is GDV prevented? - GDV is prevented via a surgical procedure called a gastropexy. The procedure tacks the outer lining of the stomach to the abdominal wall. When healed, this strong bond prevents the stomach from twisting.

Minimally invasive surgery can help!

The traditional gastropexy incision is very long, nearly the entire length of the abdomen wall. However, new minimally invasive techniques reduce the incision dramatically (typically a 2" site), which means less pain, faster recovery and a safer procedure.