**Foreign Body Removal**

**Procedure:**

* Clean and sanitize the area prior to beginning the surgery
* A midline incision is made through the abdomen to access the peritoneal cavity
* Examine the intestine for the presence of the foreign body
* Once located, isolate that segment of the intestine.
* Milk the contents of the intestine away from the site of entry
* Place non crushing forceps across the intestine to minimize spillage
* Make a full thickness stab incision through the intestine into the lumen and widen the incision with scissors.
* The incision should be performed through healthy intestines distal to the foreign body
* Once the foreign body has been removed, close the incision using absorbable suture material using an appositional suture pattern
* In order to prevent narrowing of the intestinal lumen a transverse simple interrupted suture pattern is made across the long axis of the incision. The incision is closed using simple interrupted suture pattern 1mm apart.
* Rinse the site with warm saline
* Use omentum onlay patch to reinforce the suture line
* Perform routine abdominal closure

**Advantages:**

* The entire intestine can be examined for other foreign bodies and the general health of the tissue can be established

**Disadvantage:**

* Post-operative pain, and potential for infection from the intestinal incision.