

NOT ALL ANESTHESIA IS THE SAME

WHAT WE DO TO KEEP YOUR PET SAFE DURING ANESTHESIA:

Pre-Surgery Bloodwork

We highly recommend bloodwork prior to any anesthetic procedure, especially in senior pets and pets on long-term medications. Any concerns may result in postponement of the procedure or a change in anesthetic protocol.

Pre-Surgery Examination

We require that you be a current client or meet the doctor prior to surgery so you and your veterinarian are clear about the procedures to be performed.

IV Catheter & IV Fluids

An IV catheter is placed in ALL surgical patients to provide quick IV access. IV fluids during surgery keep your pet hydrated and help maintain their blood pressure.

Keep Them Warm

We maintain your pet's body temperature with a circulating warm water heating pad and we can add additional heating pads if necessary. Low body temperature can affect how quickly your pet will wake up after surgery.

Maintain an Open Airway

All surgical patients are intubated with a tube that is placed in their trachea. This allows us to use gas anesthesia, give controlled respirations if necessary, and prevent accidental inhalation of stomach contents if your pet vomits under anesthesia.

Manage Pain

The best way to control pain is to block the pain pathway before the procedure starts. Pain medication is given to pets before and after surgery and local anesthetic blocks are used when possible. Pain medication is always sent home after painful procedures to help keep your pet comfortable. Pets do feel pain just like we do!

Monitor Your Pet Closely

During the surgical procedure we are constantly checking your pet's heart rate & rhythm, respiratory rate, temperature, oxygen content of their blood, blood pressure and anesthetic depth. Any concerns can quickly be addressed before they become problems.

Certified Veterinary Technicians

While the veterinarian is performing surgery, our veterinary technicians are carefully monitoring your pet. All of our technicians have graduated from a Vet Tech program, have passed their National Board Exam, are licensed by the state, and complete continuing education to keep their license.

Not Every Pet is the Same

The types and amounts of anesthetic drugs we use will vary depending upon the health and age of your pet. Your veterinarian will determine the best anesthetic plan for your pet.