

P.A.W.S. Guide to Comparing Veterinary Dental Services



In order to help you make an informed decision regarding your pet's dental prophylaxis procedure, we have created a list that details aspects of our quality of care. Our commitment to the highest level of medical, dental and surgical care is reflected by our highly trained and caring staff and use of modern, meticulously maintained diagnostic, anesthetic & surgical equipment.

<u>What to Ask About</u>	<u>P.A.W.S. Clinic</u>	<u>Other</u>
Pre-anesthetic blood testing.....	yes	[]
Pre-operative pain medication and sedatives.....	yes	[]
General anesthesia.....	yes	[]
Cardell anesthetic monitoring.....	yes	[]
EKG/Blood pressure.....	yes	[]
Pulse oximeter.....	yes	[]
Capnostat® CO2 sensor.....	yes	[]
Dedicated anesthetist.....	yes	[]
IV catheter and fluids.....	yes	[]
Digital Dental X-ray unit.....	yes	[]
Nerve blocks for extractions.....	yes	[]
Post-surgical pain medications.....	yes	[]
Thermal recovery cages.....	yes	[]
Team member provides TLC for patient throughout the day.....	yes	[]
Detailed aftercare instructions.....	yes	[]
Doctors & technicians dedicated to answer post-surgery questions.....	yes	[]
Courtesy follow up with technician and home dental kit.....	yes	[]

P.A.W.S. knows that once you have all the appropriate information, you can make an informed choice as to what level of health care you would like for your pet.



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Pre-anesthetic blood testing: important to ensure your pets' internal organs are functioning normally and can process the anesthesia as well as heal optimally.

Pre-operative pain medication and sedatives: these medications are given **before** anesthesia and have been shown to prevent pain more effectively. They also help to decrease anxiety and stress in our hospitalized patients.

Anesthetic monitoring: electrocardiogram, blood oxygen level and blood pressure measurement help the surgeon and anesthetist determine the health status and anesthetic depth of our patients, allowing us to provide optimal care.

Dedicated anesthetist: it is imperative that someone be present during the surgical procedure whose only task is to monitor your pet's vital signs and well-being before, during and after anesthesia.

Digital dental X-ray: only 50% of dental disease can be identified without X-rays. These are also necessary to ensure root fragments are not left behind when teeth are extracted.

Dental charting: the health status of the gingival tissue and teeth is documented in the medical record and this allows a basis for comparison for follow-up & home care.

Nerve blocks for extractions: just as your dentist uses Novocain to "block" pain, we use the same for your pet.

IV catheter and IV fluids: intravenous fluids keep a patient's blood pressure, tissue and organ blood flow stable. An IV catheter allows for immediate access to the circulatory system in case additional medications need to be given.

Team member/anesthetist provides TLC for your pet as they recover from anesthesia in our thermal recovery cage: giving your pet the comfort and assurance they need so they are not nervous as they recover from anesthesia.

Post-operative pain medication: any patient that has undergone surgery should be sent home with pain-relieving medication.

Detailed written aftercare instructions: these are vital to know what is normal after anesthesia and how to care for your pet once you have arrived home.

Doctors and technicians dedicated to answer any post-dental questions: We are here to answer any questions or concerns that you may have.

Please feel free to ask one of our team members if you have any questions.