

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

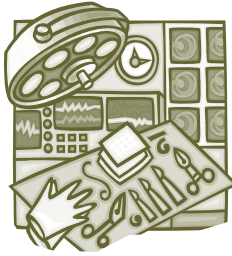


In order to help you make an informed decision regarding your pet's surgical procedure, we have created a list that details aspects of our quality of care. Our commitment to the highest level of medical, dental and surgical care is reflected by our highly trained and caring staff and use of modern, meticulously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

| <u>What to Ask About</u> | <u>Other</u> | <u>P.A.W.S. Clinic</u> |
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| 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 | [] |
| Surgical electrocautery..... | yes | [] |
| Nerve blocks for declaws..... | 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 | [] |

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 and 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, respiration and blood pressure measurement help the surgeon and anesthetist determine the health status and anesthetic depth of our patients, allowing us to provide optimal safety.

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

-Surgical electrocautery: this technology helps reduce the amount of bleeding and pain by closing the blood vessels as they "cut", as apposed to traditional scalpel surgery. This typically leads to reduced blood loss and a faster, more comfortable recovery period.

-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 as 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 after care 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-surgical questions: We are available and happy to answer any questions or concerns that you may have.

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