

SURGICAL PROCEDURES

There are many details involved with a surgical or anesthetic procedure that many clients are not aware of. It is easy to assume that every veterinary clinic performs surgery and anesthesia the same way, but this is not the case. Many low cost clinics are able to offer lower prices by cutting corners, which results in lower quality care for your pet.

The doctors and staff at Woodinville Veterinary Hospital believe that all pets should receive high quality care, for surgery and anesthesia as well as for medical treatment. We treat each pet as if they were our own, and we approach surgery and anesthesia very similar to the way a human hospital works.

We require blood testing within the past two months for every pet undergoing anesthesia, which allows us to evaluate liver and kidney function, red and white blood cell counts, and many other important parameters. Pre-anesthetic blood testing can detect disease processes that may make anesthesia unsafe for your pet.

A mild sedative prior to anesthesia helps your pet to relax and to have a smoother transition into and out of anesthesia. Often the veterinarian will include pain medication in the sedative. Pain medications which start before the pain response begins are more effective at controlling pain.

Each patient undergoing anesthesia will have a catheter placed in a vein, and receive fluid support throughout the procedure. This keeps your pet hydrated, maintains adequate blood pressure, and is a safety precaution in case your pet needs any additional medications during the procedure.

Our patients are continuously monitored during anesthesia. We record blood pressure, heart rate, oxygen saturation in the blood, respiratory rate, body temperature, ECG, and expired carbon dioxide. We also use sterile gowns and surgical instruments for each procedure, and provide adequate pain medications both in the hospital and for 4-7 days post-operatively.

Low cost spay/neuter clinics	Woodinville Veterinary Hospital
NO pre-anesthetic blood testing	Complete pre-anesthetic blood panel
NO pre-anesthetic sedative	Pre-anesthetic sedative
NO IV catheter or fluid support	IV catheter and precise fluid support
NO surgical gown	Sterile surgical gown and instruments
Little to no anesthetic monitoring	Continuous multi-parameter monitoring
Little to no pain medications	Injectible pain medication as needed
No pain medications to go home	Oral pain medications sent home