

## ANESTHESIA AND YOUR PET

Client Information Series

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Anesthesia is the most troubling part of letting our beloved pets undergo surgical and dental procedures. Even though recent studies have shown that less than 2% of anesthetized patients experience any type of problems (and less than 0.1% mortality is encountered), anesthesia is still scary!

By taking the following precautions we believe your pets will experience the safest anesthesia event possible.

1. All anesthesia patients have diagnostic blood work performed prior to the event. These tests may alert us to any sub-clinical / underlying health concerns that may exist.
2. All anesthesia patients receive fluid therapy. With this we compensate for any fluid losses and help maintain blood pressure and cardiac function.
3. All anesthesia patients receive pre-medications that help them relax and calm them and allows for the use of less “true” anesthesia preparations.
4. Pain medications are given along with the pre-medications to help prevent pain before it is encountered.
5. Gas anesthesia is routinely used. This allows for a quick recovery once the gas is stopped being administered.
6. All anesthesia patients’ “vital signs” are continuously monitored. These may include heart rate, oxygen and carbon dioxide amounts, blood pressures and an EKG.
7. The recovery area is continuously staffed and the patients are monitored closely until fully recovered.
8. Pain medications are given as often as needed after anesthesia to insure that your pet rests comfortably and recovers rapidly.

We will do our best to make your pet’s anesthesia as safe as possible!

*“Caring for your pets...as if they were our own”*