



Latah Creek Animal Hospital

We understand that cost is a concern when considering your pet's medical needs. Some clinics may advertise extremely low prices for anesthesia or surgery. It is important to make sure that certain standards are being met for your pet during their surgical procedure. Here at Latah Creek Animal Hospital, you can expect a high standard of medicine for your pet. We take all necessary precautions to make sure your pet comes home happy and healthy!

Here is how we are meeting the standards for our surgical procedures.

Will my pet have preanesthetic labwork prior to anesthesia?

- Preanesthetic labwork helps the doctor assess the pet's overall health, anesthetic risk and allows them to make the best choice of anesthetic protocol. Every pet 7 years or older will receive labwork if not done in the previous 3 months. It is highly recommended for all other age pets.

Will my pet have IV fluids during the procedure?

- Every pet undergoing anesthesia will receive IV fluids to keep hydration and blood pressure stable during the procedure. This is not optional.

Will my pet receive pain medication?

- Pets perceive pain the same way as humans. Sometimes it is hard to tell when a pet is in pain. All pets undergoing surgical procedures or dental procedures with extractions will receive pain medication during the procedure and will go home with pain medication.

Will the procedure be done in a sterile surgery room?

- The most common complication after surgery is infection. Surgical procedures are performed in a sterile surgery room. The surgeon should be wearing a sterile gown, sterile gloves, a mask, and a cap.

Will my pet be monitored by dedicated staff during anesthesia?

- There will always be at least one person (in addition to the surgeon) monitoring your pet under anesthesia. This person watches for changes in heart rate, ECG, blood pressure, body temperature, breathing rate, and blood oxygen levels. At Latah Creek we have a doctor and a technician with the patient at all times.

Will my pet have dental x-rays? (Dental Procedures Only)



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- The only way to find most dental disease is by taking x-rays of the teeth below the gum line. We will take x-rays as needed after a thorough oral exam.