

Items to Consider when Comparing Surgical Procedures and Costs

| | Pinnacle Animal Hospital | Clinic A | Clinic B | Clinic C |
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| Anesthetic Monitoring | | | | |
| Pre-Anesthetic blood testing to ensure that each pet can tolerate the anesthetic. Pre-existing diseases can compromise a patient undergoing surgery. | Optional <i>(Strongly recommended)</i> | Yes/No | Yes/No | Yes/No |
| A Registered Veterinary Technician monitoring your pet's anesthesia. Registered technicians are specially trained in monitoring procedures. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Yes/No | Yes/No | Yes/No |
| Body temperature readings before and after surgery. Temperature regulation with a heat source though anesthesia & surgery. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Yes/No | Yes/No | Yes/No |
| EKG monitoring during surgery. Used to monitor and handle abnormal heart rates and rhythms which can transiently occur under anesthesia. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Yes/No | Yes/No | Yes/No |
| Blood pressure monitoring available. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Yes/No | Yes/No | Yes/No |
| IV Access & Fluid Administration | | | | |
| Intravenous catheters placed prior to anesthesia to allow administration of fluids and drugs as needed. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Yes/No | Yes/No | Yes/No |
| Intravenous Fluids (or subcutaneous fluids for feline neuters) administered throughout the surgical procedure. This helps to minimize fluctuations in blood pressure that can occur as a result of the anesthesia | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Yes/No | Yes/No | Yes/No |
| Pain Management Standards | | | | |
| Sedation includes a pain medication given before surgery by injection. We use multiple different drugs so that lower dosages can be used thereby reducing side effects of any one of them. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Yes/No | Yes/No | Yes/No |
| A second injection of pain medication before your pet comes out of anesthesia to ensure they are comfortable and pain free. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Yes/No | Yes/No | Yes/No |
| Full monitoring post-operatively to ensure each pet is not in pain. If discomfort is found, further pain medication is administered. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Yes/No | Yes/No | Yes/No |
| Anesthetic nerve blocking for declaw procedures. These significantly help reduce your pets discomfort. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Yes/No | Yes/No | Yes/No |
| Pain medication to take home after surgery to keep your pet comfortable as they recover. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Yes/No | Yes/No | Yes/No |