

## Checklist of what to ask

In order to help people make informed decisions, we have created a chart that details what our procedures involve. This chart can be used to better compare our procedures with those of other facilities.

	CVH	Other
Pre-anesthetic blood testing	Yes	___
Pre-procedure sedatives	Yes	___
Pre-procedure pain relief if indicated	Yes	___
Sevoflurane anesthesia	Yes	___
New endotracheal tube	Yes	___
Anesthetic monitoring capabilities:	Yes	___
End Tidal co2	Yes	___
Pulse Oximetry	Yes	___
Blood Pressure	Yes	___
Dedicated anesthetist (Doctor or RVT)	Yes	___
IV catheter and new bag of fluids	Yes	___
Staff member with patient until awake	Yes	___
Am I allowed to be with my pet before, during and after procedure?	Yes	___



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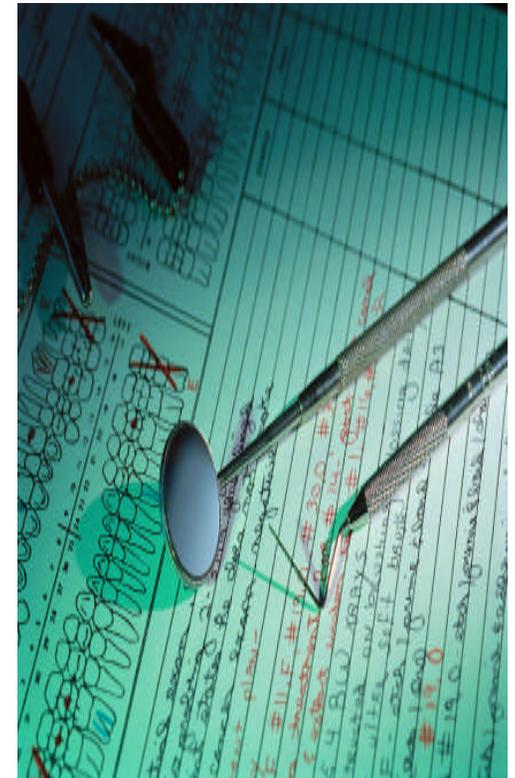
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### A Guide to Comparing Veterinary Dental Services



## What you should ask about?

If you want the kind of care for your cherished pet that you want for yourself or another family member, you need to investigate the quality of care you are being offered by any veterinarian. Unfortunately, similar sounding procedures are frequently not the same at different veterinary hospitals.

To get high quality care, you need to choose a hospital with high standards. When asking about any service, please inquire as to what is included in the procedure that your interested in. Also, inquire about who exactly is performing the procedure, what their training level is, and what kind of anesthetic monitoring is used. A good clinic should be happy to talk to you about all of these factors. They should also be willing to give you a tour of their facilities.

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.

### Complete Dental Cleaning

We provide dental cleaning with the most up to date ultrasonic equipment. Cleaning is performed by a Registered Veterinary Technician with anesthesia being monitored by Dr. Stearman.

### Dental X-rays

Less than 50% of all dental problems in dogs and cats can be identified without dental x-rays. This means that anyone doing dentistry without routinely using dental x-rays is missing more problems than he or she is finding. Dental x-rays are also necessary to be sure that no tooth root fragments have been left behind after a tooth is extracted.

### High Risk Patients

We perform dental procedures on pets of all ages and with various serious medical conditions. Our anesthetic drugs and monitoring equipment are state of the art. We also have a dedicated anesthetist whose only task is to monitor the patient when under anesthesia.

### Dental Charting

This allows us to track changes in each individual tooth's health so that we can take action before there is irreversible disease.

### Nerve blocks for extractions

Just as your dentist uses novocaine prior to working on one of your teeth, we use the same drugs to reduce the pain your pet experiences from tooth extraction, periodontal work and any other dental procedure.

### Exodontics

We perform surgical extractions of teeth that require removal due to trauma, infection or immune disorders.

### Pain medication for painful procedures

As anyone who has had a wisdom tooth removed knows, it takes several days after an extraction for the pain to go away. That is why your pet should have pain medication for at least a few days after his or her extraction. We employ multi modal pain relief which is a systematic approach to controlling your pet's pain.

### Tooth brushing Demonstrations

Pets, just like us need regular dental care. It is best to brush your pet's teeth after each meal in addition to routine professional cleaning. We will be happy to demonstrate how simple it is to brush your pet's teeth. We realize that not all pets will tolerate this and we offer other home care options.

### Doctor on call for after hours questions

If you have any questions or concerns after hours regarding your pet's dental procedure, do not hesitate to page Dr. Stearman. Call our main telephone number to receive instructions on how to page the doctor.

### Dental continuing education

Dr. Stearman and Angie Best, RVT regularly attend continuing education classes on the topic of dentistry. Veterinary medicine is continually advancing and they want to bring the latest innovations to your pet.

