



Things to Consider When Inquiring About Surgery for Your Pet

Questions to Ask	North Bay Animal Hospital Protocol
What kind of anesthetics will be used on my pet?	For our surgical procedures, NBAH uses a full general anesthetic with pre- and post-operative sedatives and pain control. This ensures your pet is as comfortable and stress-free as possible during their stay.
Are medications sent home with my pet for post-operative pain control?	NBAH believes that pain control is crucial when it comes to your pet's recovery process. We take every measure to ensure your pet is comfortable and pain-free post-op. We include 4-7 days worth of pain medication in the cost of our surgeries.
How is my pet monitored during and after surgery?	NBAH employs Registered Veterinary Technicians who monitor your pet's anesthetic and nursing care during and after surgery. This includes measuring your pet's temperature, breathing, blood pressure, heart rate, anesthetic level, and many more parameters. Your pet's safety is our #1 concern!
Will my pet be provided with intravenous fluid therapy during their procedure?	IV fluids allow us to keep your pet hydrated after they have been fasted for their surgery. This allows for a faster and easier recovery for your pet. IV access is also important to give us a port for medication in an emergency.
Where is my pet kept during their hospital stay?	At NBAH we recover our patients on our heated floors on comfortable blanket beds. They are then transferred to a kennel with warm water bottles or a warming pad to keep their body temperature up (a key part of recovery!). The cat kennel room is in a quiet dog-free area to avoid causing them undue stress.
Will my pet be hospitalized overnight? Why or why not?	At NBAH, most of our surgical procedures are performed in the morning which allows your pet to go home later in the afternoon on the same day! Some pets however will need to be kept overnight depending on the severity of the procedure. This allows us to check your pet's vitals and inspect their incision the morning after surgery. It also ensures a good night's rest in a confined area- not always the case at home.
Is pre-anesthetic bloodwork recommended? Why or why not?	NBAH performs pre-op bloodwork to ensure your pet's safety under general anesthetic. We can screen for potential issues like liver shunts, dehydration, anemia, kidney disease, and other concerns. If we find abnormalities in your pet's bloodwork, we can tailor the anesthetic to your pet's needs or delay surgery if further testing is required.
What will happen if there are post-operative complications?	We are always here to help you if you and your pet need us. Post-op rechecks to discuss healing, to check incisions, or remove sutures or staples are always included in the price of the procedure.

If you have any further questions or concerns please feel free to contact us at 705-476-8387!