

Checklist of what to ask

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

	<i>Young's</i>	<i>Other</i>
Pre-anesthetic blood testing	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pre-anesthetic examination	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pre-operative sedatives	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pre-operative pain medication	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
General anesthesia	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Anesthetic monitoring capabilities	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Heart Rate	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pulse oximeter	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Blood pressure	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dedicated anesthetist	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
IV Catheter and fluids	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Full Mouth Dental X-Rays	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dental Charting	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nerve blocks for extractions	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Laser Therapy for extractions	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Post-surgical pain medications	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Written homecare instructions	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
No charge follow up, if needed	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>



Young's Animal Hospital was established over 30 years ago by Dr. W.G. Young. Dr. Camille Young took over the practice in January 2005. Her vision was to have a full service companion animal hospital, able to provide the highest quality of veterinary care throughout the life of your pet. Our services and facility are designed to assist in routine preventive care for young, healthy pets; early detection and treatment of disease as your pet ages; and complete medical and surgical care as necessary during his or her lifetime.

At Young's Animal Hospital, we understand the special role your pet plays in your family and are dedicated to becoming your partner in your pet's health care. We treat your pet as we would our own. Our goal is to practice the highest quality medicine and surgery with compassion and an emphasis on client education. Our entire healthcare team is committed to providing personal attention to the unique concerns of each individual pet owner.

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*A Guide to Comparing
 Veterinary Dental Services*



WHAT SHOULD YOU ASK ABOUT?

Why is it important to ask the right questions?

Untreated or ineffectively treated dental disease can rob your pet of literally years of quality life. That's why it is so important that your pet receive regular, high quality dental care.

If you want the kind of dental care for your cherished pet that you want for yourself or other 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 you are 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.

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.



Pre-anesthetic blood testing: This is done to make sure that your pet's internal organs such as the kidneys and liver are functioning correctly.

Pre-operative pain medication: Studies have shown that pain medication given **before** a procedure is much more effective in preventing pain than pain medication given after the procedure.

General anesthesia: Dental procedures such as cleaning, polishing, and more intensive dental work must be done under general anesthesia.

Anesthetic monitoring: Heart rate, blood oxygen level and blood pressure are all very important since they can point to early signs of anesthetic problems when those problems can still be addressed.

Dedicated anesthetist: It is vitally important for your pet's safety that there be someone present during the procedure whose only task is to monitor your pet. Would you be comfortable going under anesthesia if the only person in the room with you was the person performing the procedure?

IV Catheter & Fluids: An IV catheter allows instant access to the circulatory system if any emergency drugs need to be given. IV fluids are used to keep the blood pressure in a safe range and help preserve kidney function during anesthesia.

Post Operative Laser Therapy: Any patient having teeth extracted will receive laser therapy post-operatively to help reduce pain, reduce inflammation, and increase the speed of healing.



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. The American Animal Hospital Association Dental Care Guidelines require the regular use of dental x-rays taken by a dental x-ray unit when performing dental procedures on pets.

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.

Post-surgical pain medication: 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.

Detailed written home care instructions: You should always receive written instructions after your pet's procedure so that you know how to care for him or her, know what is normal after anesthesia, and know who to call if you think there is a problem.

