

Checklist of what to ask

In order to help people make informed decisions, we have created a chart that details what our surgical 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-operative sedatives	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pre-operative pain medication	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
General anesthesia	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Anesthetic monitoring capabilities		
Heart Rate	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Respiration Rate	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Temperature	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pulse oximeter	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
ECG	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Blood pressure	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dedicated anesthetist	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
IV Catheter and fluids	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Surgical Laser available	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nerve blocks for declaws	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Post-surgical pain medications	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Written homecare instructions	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
No charge Surgical Recheck	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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 Veterinary Surgical
 Services*



WHAT SHOULD YOU ASK ABOUT?

Why is it important to ask the right questions?

If you want the kind of 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.

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

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.



Surgical Laser: The surgical laser seals blood vessels and nerve endings as it "cuts". This means that there is much less bleeding and swelling than in traditional scalpel surgery. There is also less pain in the vast majority of procedures. Laser use typically leads to a faster and more comfortable recovery for the patient. The laser is especially beneficial for declawing, the removal of skin lumps, and cancer surgery.

Nerve blocks for declaws: Local anesthetic should be used before performing the declaw procedure. This reduces the pain associated with this procedure leading to a faster recovery.

Post-surgical pain medication: Any patient that has had a surgical procedure performed should be provided with pain medication to be given at home.

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.

