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The Truth About Pet Anesthesia

What Every Pet Parent Should Know



If your veterinarian has ever recommended anesthesia for your pet, whether for an orthopedic procedure, spay/neuter, or another procedure, it's completely normal to feel nervous. After all, the thought of your furry friend being "put under" can be scary. But here's the truth: modern veterinary anesthesia is safer than ever, and understanding how it works can help ease your worries.

What is Pet Anesthesia?

Anesthesia keeps pets safe, pain-free, and still during procedures like surgeries or dental cleanings.

- There are two main types:
 - **Local anesthesia** numbs a small area
 - **General anesthesia** your pet is fully asleep

Your vet chooses the safest option based on your pet's age, size, and health.

Why Bloodwork Matters

Pre-anesthetic blood tests help vets spot hidden health issues that could make anesthesia risky.

If something looks off, your vet can adjust the plan or delay the procedure to keep your pet safe.

The Bottom Line

Anesthesia allows vets to perform important, pain-free procedures safely. With today's technology and careful monitoring, it's safer than ever, and your pet is in good hands.

Safe & Modern

Today's veterinary anesthesia is very safe thanks to:

- Pre-anesthetic exams & bloodwork – check organs and heart health
- Advanced monitoring – tracks heart rate, oxygen, and temperature
- Customized drug choices – tailored to your pet's needs

The risk of serious complications is less than 0.05% in healthy pets.

How You Can Help

- Follow fasting instructions
- Tell your vet about all meds or supplements
- Don't hesitate to ask questions!

Your veterinary team is there to keep your pet safe and comfortable.

**Talk to your veterinarian if you have questions about your pet's next procedure.
Knowledge is the best way to replace fear with confidence!**



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Anesthesiology at CVRC

Advanced Care, Greater Peace of Mind



We're proud to announce the launch of our dedicated **Veterinary Anesthesiology Service**, designed to provide the highest level of safety, comfort, and precision for every patient, from routine orthopedic cleanings to complex surgical procedures.

CVRC is one of a select group of hospitals with a board certified anesthesiologist on staff, which means you can expect that your pet is in the best hands.

How This Benefits You and Your Pet

With our new anesthesiology service, you can expect:

- Customized anesthesia plans tailored to your pet's breed, health history, and procedure.
- Advanced monitoring equipment for real-time tracking of vital signs and rapid response to any changes.
- Enhanced pain management techniques for smoother, more comfortable recoveries.
- Collaborative care between our anesthesiologist and other specialists on staff at CVRC.

Your pet receives the most comprehensive, science-driven, and compassionate anesthetic care available.

Meet Dr. Emmett Swanton, DACVAA

Board-Certified Veterinary Anesthesiologist

We're thrilled to welcome Dr. Emmett Swanton to our team!

Dr. Swanton is a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Anesthesia and Analgesia (DACVAA), a distinction held by only a select number of veterinarians worldwide.

With years of experience in both academic and specialty hospital settings, Dr. Swanton brings:

- Expertise in safe anesthesia for pets of all ages and health conditions
- Deep knowledge of pain management and sedation techniques
- A calm, compassionate approach that puts pets and owners at ease

Dr. Swanton's goal is simple:

To make every procedure as safe, stress-free, and comfortable as possible, for both pets and their people.



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