

THE SURGERY DIFFERENCE at Maumee Valley Veterinary Clinic

At our clinic, our price does not have any hidden or extra fees, unless something unexpected is found. We include all of the following for the SAFETY and COMFORT of your pet.

"The morning of admittance, we:

- Pull a blood test to do a CBC (complete blood count).

We use it to see if the pet is anemic or has an underlying infection

- With the same blood sample, we also check Total Protein levels and Pack cell levels to check for dehydration.

If significant dehydration is present, then we would advise giving your pet IV fluids during surgery. The reason this is important, is that with NSAID class of pain medicine, we do not want a situation where there is any dehydration perceived by the body, or else kidney damage could result.

- We also do an EKG rhythm test to be sure the heart appears safe for anesthesia

Sometimes we uncover a heart rhythm problem that could jeopardize the safety of going under anesthesia

- Have you ever experienced surgical pain yourself?

We know that pets have pain with surgery, just like we have. We include pain management with all surgeries for not only their comfort, but also for a quicker recovery.

- During surgery we also have your pet hooked up to monitors that let the doctor watch the EKG, blood oxygen levels, and blood pressure. You will receive a printout showing these values every few minutes of the surgery.

- Another neat thing that Dr Nahrwold does in his surgeries is that he uses a suturing technique that a lot of plastic surgeons use, where he buries a dissolvable suture so that you *don't have to make a special trip back* to have sutures taken out.

For ALL of our surgeries we include all of the above in our price. We can decrease this price by \$20-25 if you are able to stop in ahead of time to pick up oral pain medicine to start the night before. By doing this, we won't have to give a pain injection at the time of surgery.

