

## **Procedures to Consider When You Bring Your Pet in for Surgery**

### **Pre-surgical blood screen \$ 72.14**

Although we use the safest, most up-to-date anesthetics available, we recommend a pre-surgical blood screen to aid in the detection of health problems that may not be immediately apparent. The test assures proper liver and kidney function, adequate oxygen carrying capacity, and adequate platelets for blood clotting. It also helps establish baseline values to monitor as your pet ages.

### **Extraction of retained deciduous (baby) teeth \$ 26.60 – 47.61**

Healthy teeth and gums mean a happy, healthy pet. Retained baby teeth, especially canines, push adult teeth forward causing failure of the upper and lower teeth to meet properly. If your pet has retained baby teeth, these can easily be extracted while your pet is under anesthesia.

### **Fluoride treatment \$ 30.72**

Pet dentistry is much the same as human dentistry. Fluoride treatment is an important part of routine dental care. Benefits of fluoride treatment include desensitizing exposed dentin, strengthening tooth enamel, decreasing the rate of plaque reattachment, and stimulating remineralization of the enamel. Fluoride can easily be applied to your pet's teeth while he/she is under anesthesia.

### **Microchip identification implant \$ 29.00**

Over 20,000 pets have been returned to their owners through the HomeAgain system. A small microchip – about the size of a grain of rice – is injected under the skin between the shoulder blades. It is completely safe for puppies, adult dogs, and cats over 6 months. When a pet arrives at a shelter, a hand held scanner can read the identification code in the microchip. The American Kennel Club maintains a database available 24 hours a day to match your pet's ID# to your name and phone number.

### **Electrocardiogram (ECG) \$ 22.41**

An electrocardiogram is a recording of the electrical activity of the heart, including its rhythm, strength, and rate. It can indicate problems with the heart that may otherwise remain unnoticed. It may help identify possible problems with certain sedatives or anesthetics and allow us to avoid or treat possible complications during routine procedures. Readings throughout a pet's lifetime can help document the changes in your animal as it ages and give us a baseline reading for comparison later on.

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