What you should know about anesthesia and surgery:

Please take some time to read over the following information prior to your pet's procedure.   If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us.

While your pet is here for their surgery, you can be assured that the health care team at Princess Animal Hospital will use all the safety precautions available to us from modern medicine.

Our team participates in more than 100 hours of continuing education seminars throughout North America each year. We are informed of changes to anaesthesia, surgical technique and post-operative care that will maximize the safety for your pet.

Veterinary surgery is much like human surgery. A veterinarian will examine your pet before their procedure begins. We also highly recommend your pet's blood be evaluated at the time of surgery. Changes or abnormalities in your pet's blood help us to determine which anesthetic will be the safest for your pet, and allow us to ensure that proper care is given to your pet.

Your pet will have their blood pressure evaluated. Our veterinary technologists will then place a catheter into your pet's vein. The intravenous fluids that flow through the catheter help us to avoid fluctuations in blood pressure during the anesthetic. The catheter also allows us to administer medications into your pet's vein if they are required.

Once the above precautions have been taken, your pet will be given a sedative. The sedative relaxes your pet and increases their safety while under anesthesia. During your pet's anesthetic, a registered veterinary technologist will continually monitor your pet's blood pressure, ECG reading, heart rate, breathing rate and depth of anesthesia.

Our staff will ensure that your pet is as pain-free as possible after their surgery. Pain medication will be given to keep your pet comfortable. If your pet is having dental surgery, freezing will be used to ensure their comfort. If your cat is being declawed, nerve blocks will also be used. This will ensure your pet is more comfortable post-operatively.

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