



*Clevengers Corner*

**VETERINARY CARE**

## **INFORMATION SERIES**

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How do you choose a surgical facility for your pet? Just use this checklist when interviewing potential practices. You will find that Clevengers Corner Veterinary Care is second to none when it comes to the highest quality safety, sterility, and pain-control for your pet. At CCVC, we believe quality-care should be the standard, not an option.

### **Operating room:**

- Sterile operating room used only for surgery
- Operating room disinfected between patients
- Surgeon wears cap, mask, and sterile gown to prevent infection
- Separate sterile instrument pack used for each patient
- Packs have sterility indicators both inside and out to confirm instrument sterility

### **Pain control:**

- Pet receives preventive pain medication before surgery
- Pet receives 24-hour pain control after procedure
- Appropriate pain control medications are dispensed when going home

### **Patient safety:**

- Pre-anesthetic blood panel performed
- Same-day physical examination performed on each patient
- I.V. catheter placed (not used in most feline castrations)
- Fluids administered for blood pressure and kidney support
- Blood Replacement Products On Hand (see information below)
- Eye lubricant used during anesthesia
- Water circulating heating pad for warmth and safety
- Breathing tube used for oxygen delivery (not used in most feline castrations)
- Dedicated anesthesia nurse at pet's side from induction until recovery
- Computerized monitoring of five vital signs  
(heart rate, EKG, respiration, blood oxygen saturation, and core body temperature)

### **Communication:**

- Pre-surgical evaluation visit encouraged
- Written instructions before surgery regarding fasting and surgical procedure
- Call from doctor the day of procedure to discuss outcome
- Written discharge instructions
- 24-hour pager access to doctor after pet returns home