

Why Do Dogs Need Anesthesia?

Anesthesia is an important part of veterinary care. It allows your dog to undergo medical and surgical procedures **safely, pain-free, and without stress.**



Reasons Dogs May Need Anesthesia

- **Spay and neuter surgeries**
- **Dental procedures** (cleanings, extractions, X-rays)
- **Surgical repairs** (injuries, lump removals, orthopedic procedures)
- **Diagnostic imaging** (X-rays, ultrasound, advanced scans)
- **Wound care or treatments** where stillness is critical

Without anesthesia, these procedures would be uncomfortable, stressful, or even impossible for your pet.



What Anesthesia Does

Anesthesia:

- Keeps your dog **calm and still** so procedures can be done safely
- Prevents **pain and discomfort** during surgery or treatment
- Allows our veterinary team to **focus on precision and care** without causing stress to your pet



Pre-Anesthesia Safety Measures at PVPC

Your dog's safety is always our top priority. Before any anesthetic procedure, our veterinary team takes steps to minimize risks and ensure the best outcome:

- **Comprehensive Physical Exam** – A full check-up to assess overall health.
- **Bloodwork & Diagnostics** – Evaluate organ function, detect hidden problems, and guide safe anesthetic choices.
- **Tailored Protocols** – Medications and dosages are customized for your dog's age, breed, size, and health condition.
- **IV Catheter Placement** – Provides access for fluids and emergency medications, supporting circulation and safety.
- **Pre-Anesthetic Medications** – Help reduce anxiety, provide pain control, and smooth the induction of anesthesia.



Safety During Anesthesia

- *Continuous monitoring of **heart rate, breathing, oxygen levels, blood pressure, and temperature***
- *A veterinary professional assigned specifically to your pet's monitoring*
- *Adjustments in medication and support as needed throughout the procedure*



After Anesthesia

- *Pets are closely monitored during recovery until they are awake and stable*
- *Detailed home-care instructions are provided for food, water, rest, and medications*
- *Our team remains available for questions or concerns once your pet is home*



Peace of Mind for Pet Parents

*While all anesthesia carries some risk, modern veterinary protocols make it very safe. At **Pleasant Valley Pet Clinic**, we use every precaution to protect your pet — from the first exam through recovery — so you can feel confident they're in good hands.*

📞 Call us today to learn more about anesthesia and the steps we take to keep pets safe and comfortable