

Nuzzles & Co Community Clinic Dental Disclaimer

Thank you for your interest in our dental services Nuzzles & Co Community Clinic.

We are a team of experienced veterinarians and veterinary technicians. All of us have worked (and some still do work) in private veterinary practices and run our dental and surgical clinics according to best practices for anesthesia and surgical technique. We are pleased to offer lower-cost dental surgeries to the public because we understand how expensive these procedures can be in the private practice setting and we want to be able to offer affordable, high-quality care for pets who need it.

A few ways that we are able to keep our costs more affordable for YOU:

1. You will be communicating with our friendly and competent shelter staff about your pets – our surgeons and techs are very busy in surgery all day and will not be available for pre- or post-op consultations. This approach allows us to focus our limited time on our patients and offer our services to more clients and animals.
2. We do not perform dental x-rays-- we use our best clinical judgment to determine whether a tooth is healthy or whether it needs to be extracted. Pets who have advanced dental disease or who have never had dental care before often need **many tooth extractions**. During your pet's dental, ***we will not be able to call you to discuss whether teeth need to be extracted or our decision-making process.***
3. Our team monitors anesthesia using multiple anesthetic parameters. That being said, we don't have the full spectrum of anesthetic monitoring equipment that some private practices do.

For more information about dental disease in animals, go to:

<https://www.avma.org/resources-tools/pet-owners/petcare/pet-dental-care>