



Choosing The Right Surgeon

When your pet needs surgery, it's natural to feel nervous. Choosing the right surgeon can make all the difference—not only in the outcome of the procedure but in your peace of mind.

What To Ask Your Surgeon:

✓ Are you Board Certified?

- A Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Surgeons (DACVS) has extensive advanced training and has passed rigorous exams.

✓ Do you have specialized experience?

- Does the surgeon frequently perform the procedure your pet needs. Repetition builds experience.

What To Ask Yourself:

✓ Is the surgeon clearly communicating with you?

- A good surgeon will listen to your concerns and take time to explain the diagnosis, procedure, and expected outcomes.

✓ Is there cooperation and collaboration between the surgeon and your veterinarian?

- Your pet's surgeon should work closely with your regular veterinarian for continuity of care.

✓ Does your surgeon show compassion?

- A skilled surgeon should treat your pet like their own.

You have every right to ask questions and feel comfortable with your choice.

A good surgeon welcomes your involvement in the decision-making process.

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