

DENTAL CARE

PROCEDURE NOTES & INFORMATION



DENTAL PROCEDURE:

PRE-ANESTHETIC BLOOD PROFILE:

Performed prior to procedure to assess general health and help to ensure safer anesthetic event.

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The teeth are cleaned above & below the gum line with an ultrasonic scaler instrument and below the gum line with sterile dental instruments, then polished to seal small defects and create a smooth surface which slows plaque adherence in the future.

The pockets between teeth and gum are measured and a dental record is created noting pocket depth as well as tooth/gum defects. Includes associated anesthesia, pulse and oxygenation monitoring, nursing care and IV catheter for fluids to help maintain normal blood pressure and protect kidney function.

DIGITAL DENTAL X-RAYS

WHY ARE DENTAL X-RAYS IMPORTANT?

Dental radiology (x-rays) is an essential tool in both humans and pets to complete the dental assessment and generate an acceptable therapeutic plan. 50% of each tooth is below the gum line making it impossible to examine without X-rays. X-rays may uncover hidden painful disease such as root abscesses, fractures, bone loss of the jaw, and cystic lesions so that these problems can be addressed during the procedure. Dental x-rays are especially imperative in pets due to their high tolerance of pain and inability to communicate it.



ORAL SURGERY & PERIODONTAL THERAPY

Many pets have dental disease above and beyond the scope of prophylactic cleaning that may lead to recommendations for therapy or treatment of disease once the cleaning and oral exam is completed. Such treatments may include dental extractions & treatment of the socket, periodontal pocket treatment, injectable antibiotic or pain medication, or oral antibiotic or pain medication. If your pet is in need of oral surgery or periodontal therapy, you will be notified and presented with an additional medical care plan and estimation of associated costs and treatment may be authorized over the phone during the procedure if indicated.

HOME CARE

Dental procedures are an investment in your pet's health and well being. To get the best results, your pet's teeth need to be cared for at home following the dental procedure. Dental disease will start to build up again soon after your pet's dental procedure and dental home care is the only way to slow the process down. There are a variety of options available including tooth brushing, feeding a special tartar control food, oral rinses, dental sealants and daily dental chews or treats. These options range in cost depending on the size of your pet and how frequently they are used. Our team will review these options with you at the time of the procedure so that you can make dental care a part of your pet's routine at home easily and effectively.

HOME CARE KIT (2-4 month supply)

(optional, additional costs apply)*

Dental Sealant is applied at close of procedure and then a soft gel re-applied weekly at home greatly slows down the build-up of tartar and progression of dental disease after the cleaning procedure. An important and easy home care method of disease prevention between dental procedures.

