

INSTRUCTIONS FOR YOUR PET'S DENTAL CLEANING



The health of your pet is important to us. To minimize complications and to ensure a smooth recovery, please follow these directions carefully:

The night before your pet's procedure, please withhold food after 8:00pm and water after 12:00 midnight. For older animals and animals with compromised kidney function, please call us for specific recommendations. Do not give your pet treats in the morning. Food and water consumption after these recommended times could lead to complications during anesthesia.

Please drop your pet off between 8:00-8:45am. Dogs should be walked at least 1 hour prior to drop off and should arrive with a leash, labeled with their name. Cats should arrive in a carrier labeled with their name. If you need a carrier, we can provide one to you at a minimal cost.

Your pet will be examined and prepared for anesthesia after they are dropped off. **Once the procedure is complete, a technician will call you to schedule a time for you to pick up your pet.** Most pets are ready to go home between 5:00-6:00pm.

**If you have any questions or concerns,
please do not hesitate to call us at 503-246-4660.**

CANCELLATION POLICY

When you schedule your pet for a dental cleaning, we reserve staff time, equipment and space so that we may specifically care for your pet. Therefore, we ask that you please provide a minimum of **48 hours notice** if you need to cancel your pet's procedure.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE DENTAL CONSENT FORM

When you drop your pet off, we will provide you with a consent form for your signature. The next page of this handout will help you understand your options on the consent form. Please take a moment to review these options *prior* to your pet's procedure. The receptionists would be happy to discuss the costs of these additional services with you.

PRE-ANESTHESIA LABWORK

- **Pets 4 years and Older:** We require current lab work (preferably performed within the last month) in pets 4 years of age and older. In pets 4-6 years of age, we perform a Junior Wellness Profile that includes a CBC and an abbreviated chemistry panel. In pets 7 years of age and older, we perform a Senior Wellness Profile that includes a complete blood count (CBC), a chemistry panel, thyroid hormone assay, and urinalysis.
- **Pets Less than 4 years:** We strongly recommend lab work in younger animals, although we do not require it. In pets 4 years of age and younger, we perform a Junior Wellness Profile that includes a CBC and an abbreviated chemistry panel. We can also add on a heartworm assay. Our in-house blood chemistry profile analyzer can run an abbreviated profile the day of the procedure (which includes blood sugar, kidney parameters, selected electrolytes and blood gas information); however, these are more expensive and we prefer running more comprehensive profiles available through our diagnostic laboratory.

Because Wellness Profiles are sent to our diagnostic laboratory, **we need to draw blood from your pet at least one day prior to the procedure.** This can be scheduled during a quick 10-minute appointment with a technician.

PRE-ANESTHESIA ECG

The American College of Veterinary Anesthesiology recommends an electrocardiogram (ECG) for all pets undergoing anesthesia. This test is especially important for pets 7 years of age and older and for those with heart murmurs. An ECG allows better assessment of the heart and may prevent anesthetic complications. It is performed the day of anesthesia.

ORAVET® APPLICATION

OraVet Barrier Sealant is designed to prevent bacterial colonization on the teeth and guard against periodontal disease and gingivitis. It enhances and extends the benefits of prophylactic treatments. Application is made following dental cleaning. OraVet Home Care Replenisher can also be sent with you for home application on a weekly basis.

AVID® MICROCHIPPING

Microchipping involves injecting a tiny identification chip, with its own unique number, under the skin between the shoulder blades. If your pet is ever lost, the identification number can be linked to a national registry allowing veterinary clinics and animal control facilities to identify your lost pet and return it safely to you.

PORPHYROMONAS VACCINE (CANINE)

The Porphyromonas vaccine is for dogs and is designed to aid in the prevention of periodontal disease. Periodontal disease (gingivitis and periodontitis) is inflammation and infection of the gums and bone holding your dog's teeth. This vaccine is given as a two dose initial series followed by boosters given every 6 to 12 months.

DIGITAL DENTAL X-RAYS (FELINE)

Published reports indicate that dental x-rays reveal important pathology in approximately 42% of cats when no abnormal findings are noted on the dental exam. The American Animal Hospital Dental Care Guidelines require full-mouth x-rays as an essential step for dental cleaning.
