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Dental Procedures for Dogs

Your canine friend is having a dental procedure done today. Our office provides top quality dental care and we can assure you that we will take every measure to ensure your pet is well cared for today. A dental cleaning can be relatively simple or can become an involved procedure. This handout will explain what we will do for you pet today.

1. Physical exam and appropriate blood work before anesthesia.
2. Monitored anesthesia (heart rate, respiratory rate, blood pressure, ECG, temperature)
3. A thorough dental cleaning using an ultrasonic scaler which removes tartar on the tooth surface and beneath the gumline.
4. High speed polishing with dentrifice.
5. Evaluation for periodontal disease. This is disease that occurs below the gumline. Your pet will have the pocket probed between the tooth root and bone. If this pocket is deep, it may indicate loss of the tooth root bony structure and require extraction
6. Dental radiographs are taken on most of our dental procedures. It is impossible to fully evaluate the dental structures without dental radiographs.
7. Control of pain and infection with appropriate medications

Every effort will be made to evaluate your pet's dental condition and save all teeth that can be saved. However, in most circumstances, a tooth that is diseased requires extraction (removal). Removal of diseased teeth takes care of the problem once and for all. Extraction sites may require absorbable sutures to speed up the healing process. **We will not be able to assess what teeth need extraction until your pet is under anesthesia, tartar is removed and the entire tooth can be evaluated. Therefore, we can make no guarantees as to which teeth we will extract until this evaluation is performed. Furthermore, exact estimates as to the cost of your pet's dental procedure can be difficult because we do not know how many extractions we will need to perform. We will be happy to discuss this with you before you leave your pet with us today.**

We will review the findings and procedures with you when your pet is discharged from our care. Pre and post-treatment pictures will be reviewed including recommendations for followup and preventive care at home. If you have any questions or concerns, or would like to discuss the procedure before your pet is left in our care, please let our receptionist know before you leave the office today. Thank you for entrusting your pet's care to us.