



Dental Staging

If your pet's dental procedure is lengthy and requires more than 2 hours of anesthesia, for their safety, we will schedule a second visit for the remainder of their extractions. There are no extra induction fees, only charges for the surgical time & anesthetic time required. We will provide you with an estimate for your pet's recommended extractions, anesthetic, and surgical time necessary. A charge for pain medication and/or antibiotics may be added if required after your pet's second dental appointment. Your pet must come back within 2-4 weeks for this second procedure. Only the teeth that have been recommended for removal will be extracted. There will be no cleaning at the second appointment.



Discharge

When you arrive to take your pet home, we will go over a chart showing any extractions, discuss any medications to go home, how to care for your pet while they recover, and answer any questions or concerns you may have.



Follow-up

You will receive a dental follow-up phone call from our team to see how your pet is doing and if you have any concerns. An RVT appointment will be scheduled for your pet in the event that the oral cavity and extraction sites are not healing well. You are always welcome to call us with any concerns you may have 613-345-3401.



Post Operative Care

We will give specific post operative instructions. This may include soft food and no tooth brushing for a little while. We will discuss home treatment options designed to reduce the accumulation of tartar on your pet's teeth. Treatment options may include a combination of tooth brushing, special dental diets and oral rinses to help slow the return of dental disease.



Dental P.A.W. Plans

We offer a pet affordable wellness plan that divides the cost of a dentistry into convenient monthly payments. There is no interest added, and can help when planning for a dental cleaning for your pet. Extractions are not covered under this plan. If required, they are at an additional cost.

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YOUR PET'S DENTISTRY AT



681 Stewart Blvd., Brockville 613-345-3401



By the age of 2, 80% of dogs and 70% of cats have some form of dental disease. We use the newest techniques and modern equipment to provide the best dental care for your pet. This brochure explains what is involved in your pet's dental procedure at Brockville Animal Hospital.



Examination

Your veterinarian will inquire about the type and frequency of dental care you have been providing at home. They will assess the condition of your pet's teeth and gums during their general physical examination, looking for evidence of bad breath, visible tartar, red or swollen gums, and loose or missing teeth.



Preparation

Preparing for your pet's procedure: Please arrive between 8:00 and 8:30 on your pet's scheduled dental day. We will call you when their dentistry is complete and set-up a discharge time that works for you to pick up your pet. We encourage you to call the office during your pet's stay to find out how they are doing. Withhold all food and treats after 10:00p.m.the night before and the morning of. Do not withhold water. If you are currently administering any medications and/or injections, give as usual unless otherwise instructed by your pet's veterinarian. Feel free to bring your pet's favourite blanket or toy to remind them of home. This can help to make them more comfortable during their stay.



General Anesthesia

A safe, thorough dentistry requires a pet to be under general anesthetic. An intravenous catheter is placed and IV fluids are given throughout the procedure. Anesthetic monitoring machines are used to help aid the veterinary technician in closely monitoring a patient during the dental procedure. Your pet will receive a full examination prior to starting anesthesia. Blood tests and sometimes an ECG are recommended beforehand.



Intra-Oral Radiology

We perform digital x-rays of the teeth for all patients undergoing a dental procedure. The crown is the only portion of the tooth visible, it's just the tip of the iceberg. The only way to accurately evaluate the whole tooth is to x-ray. In many cases the crown of the tooth may appear normal, but an x-ray of the tooth may reveal an issue that requires treatment. Dental x-rays are considered essential for the overall health and assessment of a pet's mouth.



Scaling & Polishing

Removal of tartar from the teeth is vital to improving the health of the mouth. Tartar is produced by bacteria and causes inflammation of the gums (gingivitis). It leads to recession of the gums, exposure of tooth roots and eventually tooth loss. We remove tartar with a combination of ultrasonic and hand scaling. Our RVT will clean and polish all surfaces of the teeth after scaling. A smooth tooth surface helps discourage new tartar build up.



Charting

The combination of radiology and periodontal probing allows us to accurately diagnose any issues with the teeth and formulate a treatment plan. We use a special chart to record our findings and treatments.



Extractions

If a tooth is heavily diseased, it may need to be removed. The first step is to place a local anesthetic nerve block (to numb the pain). Even though the patient is under an anesthetic, removing a tooth can cause pain. A local block gives the patient immediate pain relief. The effect lasts for several hours, and offers the patient post operative comfort. Once the tooth is removed the socket is cleaned. An x-ray is taken to make sure that all of the roots have been removed. Post-operative pain medications are often used and sometimes dietary modifications are necessary.



Recovery

Once the procedure is completed, your pet is transferred back to their bed where they can rest and recover from their procedure. Heat packs, more blankets and any items brought from home are added to keep them warm. They are monitored throughout the day by our RVT's until they are ready to go home.

**All dental bookings require a \$250.00 deposit. This deposit will be refunded if cancellation notice is given to our hospital prior to 48 hours of your pet's appointment.*