

Explanation of an Itemized Dental Treatment Plan

Prior to your pet's procedure:

- **Pre-Dental Examination** - A physical exam by the veterinarian to ensure your pet is healthy for his/her dental procedure. This is a great opportunity for the veterinarian to identify any other physical concerns or additional needs for your pet. Some pets may have antibiotics or pain relief medication prescribed at this visit, depending on the severity of their dental needs. Pet owners will be alerted to needed vaccinations, heartworm & tick disease blood test, fecal intestinal parasite exam, optional microchip placement, and monthly heartworm-flea-tick-intestinal parasite preventative. After all of your questions are answered, all paperwork and signatures will be completed.
- **Pre-Anesthesia Blood Analysis** - This test will ensure selection of the proper anesthesia, by giving information on the current health condition of your pet's blood and other internal organ systems. Using this analysis, we can help your pet's anesthesia and recovery go smoothly.

The day of your pet's procedure:

- **Pre-Anesthesia & Induction** - These medications relax and prepare your pet for having their anesthesia/oxygen breathing tube placed.
- **Isoflurane or Sevoflurane Gas anesthetic** - This portion of anesthesia includes a sterilized endotracheal tube for breathing, tube placement, oxygen and isoflurane/sevoflurane gas anesthesia, and monitoring of vital signs by your pet's doctor and technician as he/she becomes fully anesthetized.
- **Surgical Monitor** - While your pet is anesthetized, this pulse-oxygen monitor gives continuous vital sign readings to the doctor and technician for blood oxygen levels and heart rate monitoring.
- **Pre & Post Dental/Surgical Pain Relief** - Pets that need tooth extractions or extensive cleaning around and under their gums, will need pain relief. Pain free pets recover much quicker, due to reduction in stress and inflammation.
- **Ampicillin Injection** - An injection of ampicillin will be given to prevent infection due to minor gum irritation from scaling teeth or tooth extractions.
- **Dental Radiograph Study** - As required by the veterinarian, X-rays may be taken to view your pet's teeth beneath the gum-line. The veterinarian will look for abnormalities in the tooth, the ligaments that hold the tooth in place, the bones that hold the teeth in place, and they will look for empty pockets around the tooth that may hold infection.
- **Sterile Dental/Surgical Instrument Pack** - Instruments used to examine, clean and extract teeth are always heat sterilized before use on a pet.
- **Dental Prophylaxis by Severity of Dental Disease** - The prophylaxis (prophy) includes: the entire mouth is mapped and recorded for shape, occlusion, irregularities and missing teeth; the gums are examined ; large amounts of tartar are removed from the teeth; teeth are ultrasonically scaled and hand scaled to remove remaining tartar and deposits; the area under the gums are cleaned and made smooth; teeth are polished to repair microscopic defects to the enamel (future deposits won't collect as easily); teeth are rinsed above and below the gum-line with an special antiseptic rinse, to kill remaining bacteria and leave the mouth clean and fresh!
- **Tooth Extractions** - Teeth that are broken, infected, loose, show bone decay beneath the gum line, or have sensitive spots may be removed by the veterinarian to improve the long term health and comfort of your pet.
- **Fluoride Application** - After your pet's procedure is complete, fluoride is applied to decrease tooth sensitivity, and to help protect and strengthen the remaining teeth.
- **Daily Technician Care of Dental/Surgery Patient** - Patients are kept warm throughout their procedure using a specialized surgical warming pad, and patients are monitored and kept warm, clean, and safe throughout recovery.
- **Hospitalization of Dental/Surgery Patient** - Patients in the hospital are kept clean, safe and comfortable throughout their stay.
- **Antibiotics to go home** - In the case of severe infection or multiple tooth extractions, antibiotics may be needed for proper healing.

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