

The Importance of Dental Cleanings

As bacteria multiply on the tooth surface they form a coating called plaque. The bacteria forming the plaque produce toxins that irritate the gums. In time, the plaque mineralizes and hardens and becomes calculus or tartar. In response to the development of plaque and tartar the gums become tender, red, and swollen. Eventually, the inflamed gums pull away from the teeth creating pockets that trap food particles and provide an excellent location for more bacteria to grow. As these pockets deepen, the development of plaque and tartar can progress along the root of the tooth causing the tooth to loosen. Once the gums have reached this state of deterioration they bleed easily when the pet eats or chews. Bacteria from the plaque and tartar accumulation can enter the animal's bloodstream and travel to major organs. The lungs, heart, kidneys, liver and in some cases the nervous system are all organs with high blood flow and are susceptible to such infections. Once infected, the inflamed gums allow bacteria to enter the bloodstream. So antibiotics are sent home after the dental procedure. The antibiotics treat the dental infection that may be present and offer protection against bacteria in the bloodstream.

Signs of Dental Disease

1. Yellow-brown crust on teeth
2. Bleeding gums
3. Bad breath

Going to the food bowl but not eating, change of chewing habits, dropping food out of the mouth, abnormal drooling or swallowing food whole.



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Hours

Doctor hours by appointment

Monday

8:30AM – 12 PM

2 PM – 6:30 PM

Tuesday – Friday

8:30 AM – 12 PM

2 PM – 5:30 PM

Closed from 12M – 2 PM for surgeries

New clients always welcome

Emergency calls are welcome. After hour instructions will be available on the answering machine

Payment

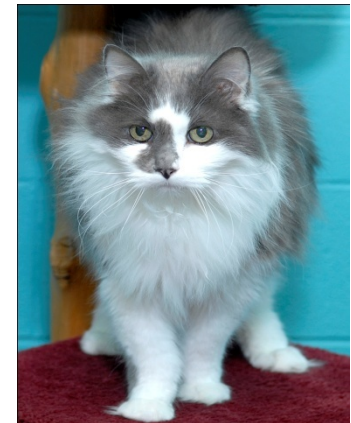
due at the time of discharge.
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Feline Dental



Your pet's
"Health and Happiness"
is our priority



"Dickens"

Dental appointments
available Monday, Tuesday &
Thursday

Admit 7:15 – 7:45 AM

Dental Procedure

Our fee includes.....

1. A pre-surgical exam
2. Oral assessment & treatment plan
3. Patient and room preparation
4. Sterile Surgical and dental instruments.
5. General Anesthesia
6. Cleaning & Polishing
7. Anesthesia monitoring during the procedure and recovery
8. EKG, O₂, CO₂, BP monitoring
9. Intubation with endotracheal tube
10. Hotdog warming blanket during surgery
11. Hospitalization for the day
12. Complimentary nail trim
13. Lots of tender loving care

What's extra.....

We offer a variety of extra services at the time of the dental procedure. These are optional and offered at an additional cost.

1. Pre-surgical blood work (required if pet is 7 years of age or older)
2. Pain medication
3. First application of Oravet Plaque prevention sealant
4. Home Again Microchipping, a safe & proven permanent identification
5. Digital Dental Radiography
6. Extractions

Extractions, antibiotics, fluids, dental blocks and specific anesthetic agents may be necessary and performed at an additional cost. As each cat is unique, please discuss your pet's procedure with a staff member.

Did You Know?

1. 70% of cats over 3 years of age have some form of dental disease, ranging from mild gingivitis to painful tooth abscesses.
 2. Cats have 30 teeth. They lose their 26 baby (deciduous) teeth by 3 to 4 months of age.
 3. Dental disorders are painful and can lead to other illnesses such as liver disease, kidney infections and heart damage.
 4. Feline dental pathology and care are perhaps the most overlooked and under-treated areas in small animal medicine.
 5. Oral disease is a common finding in cats infected with feline leukemia virus (FeLV) and feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV).
- * Please call ahead for an appointment
 - * **Please withhold food and water from your cat after 6 pm the night BEFORE his/her dental.**
 - * You may call anytime after 3 pm to check on your pet.
 - * Current Rabies vaccination is **required** for all surgery pets (can be given the day of surgery).

Recommended Services

Pre-anesthetic Blood Work is

recommended to ensure the internal organs are functioning properly to metabolize the anesthesia, and to check for infection & anemia. Required if pet is 7 years of age or older.

Feline Leukemia is a serious disease, causing leukemia (cancer of the white blood cells), cancerous tumors, and various other non-tumorous diseases.

FIV, often called Feline AIDS, is a serious infectious disease that affects a cat much like human AIDS affects a person

Pain Medication We believe controlling our patients' pain is important. Pain medication is administered before your pet's medical procedure to reduce pain and discomfort and to promote recovery, and can be sent home.

Current Physical Exam (required) The health of your pet is very important, especially when they are being anesthetized. Your pet will be checked from the tip of their nose to the tip of their tail. This includes: oral exam, ears, hernias, heart, parasites & verifying sex of your pet.

Vidscope Exam (required) The visualization of the ear canals, using a tiny camera to aid in the detection of problems.