

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 12PM – 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.

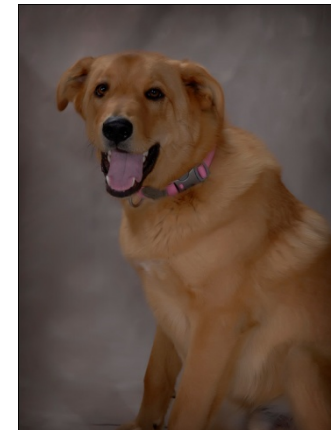
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Canine Dental



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



"Sherman"

Dental appointments
available Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday & Friday

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 old or older)
2. Pain medication
3. Heartworm & tick screening
4. First application of Oravet Plaque prevention sealant
5. Dental vaccine
6. Home Again Microchipping, a safe & proven permanent identification

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

Did You Know?

1. 85% of adult dogs have periodontal disease!
2. Dogs have 42 teeth. They lose their 28 baby (deciduous) teeth between 3-6 months of age.
3. Gingivitis is the inflammation of the gingival (gum tissue surrounding the teeth).
4. Periodontitis is the destruction and inflammation of the periodontal attachment tissue.
5. Plaque is a colorless film that contains large amounts of bacteria. Plaque can mineralize into tartar, destroying gums and resulting in the loss of the tissues and bone that support teeth.
6. Dental disease can cause damage to the liver, kidneys, heart valve, and lungs. It may also shorten a dog's life span by 3-4 years.

* Please call ahead for an appointment

* **Please withhold food and water from your dog if under 20 lbs after 6 pm the night BEFORE surgery. If your dog is over 20 lbs withhold food at noon and water at 6 PM the night BEFORE surgery.**

* 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.

Heartworm & Tick Screening A quick and easy test that requires a blood sample. Heartworm larvae is transmitted by mosquitoes from infected dogs to healthy dogs. The heartworms live in the heart and lungs. If left untreated, heartworm disease may be fatal to your dog, and can be easily prevented. Lyme, Anaplasma & Ehrlichia are spread by tick bites.

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.

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

Dental Block is a long acting anesthetic administered in the gums before extractions to reduce pain. A dental block can be used in up to 4 sites. The block would be used in conjunction with pain medication.

Oravet keeps teeth clean, longer. We can apply the first application following your dog's cleaning today. Then weekly applications of Oravet at home will help maintain the protective barrier we have established, protecting teeth and gums from plaque and calculus buildup due to bacteria. For more information, please ask at time of appointment.