

## *Town & Country Animal Clinic*

### **Your Pet's Dental Cleaning: Comprehensive Oral Health Assessment and Treatment**

Your Pet's oral health should be assessed yearly by your veterinarian. Some pets may require dental cleanings as often as every 6 months to once yearly. Pets require general anesthesia for dental procedures to be done safely and effectively.

To help minimize anesthesia risks during a dental procedure, we recommend performing pre-anesthetic blood testing, as many conditions may not be evident upon your pet's physical exam. Additionally, the results of these tests will serve as reference values should your pet become ill in the future. In high risk or older pets, we may recommend more extensive tests be performed prior to anesthesia. Your pet's age and condition help determine the recommended tests.

Pets may receive an intravenous (IV) catheter the day of their procedure. This is based on their age, health condition, and risk of complications during anesthesia. Under anesthesia pets receive an endotracheal (ET) tube and monitoring including heart rate, respiration, and blood pressure. Once anesthetized, pets will undergo a full oral exam, dental x-rays, cleaning, ultrasonic scaling, and polishing. Dental x-rays are strongly recommended to help evaluate the health of teeth and bone tissue. The veterinarian will then determine if any diseased teeth will need extraction. In the event your pet needs oral surgery, they may receive pain medication and oral antibiotics to go home.

Aftercare is minimal, and may require a soft diet for 5-7 days, oral medications, and TLC. Your pet will stay with us for the day, but usual can go home in the late afternoon. Please contact our office with any questions or concerns about your pet's dental procedure.

The following is an estimation of cost  
and is charged by time spent on your pet's procedures.

**Mild/ Maintenance \$300 - \$500** - Pets who have mild tartar and no dental extractions. Dental x-rays may add to this cost approximately \$85- \$145.

**Moderate \$500 - \$700** - Pets with moderate tartar and disease and few dental extractions are required. This includes x-rays, medications, pain injection, and minimal oral surgery.

**Severe \$700 - \$1,500** - Pets with severe oral disease that require multiple tooth extractions. This includes oral surgery, pain injection, medications, and x-rays.

**NO FOOD AFTER 10 pm the night before your pet's procedure. LEAVE WATER AVAILABLE.**