

## Buckeystown Veterinary Hospital - Dental Information

Animal's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Periodontal disease is the most common health problem of dogs and cats, affecting up to 85% of pets. Not only does dental disease affect the mouth, it can damage other vital organs, including the heart, kidneys, liver, and lungs. By scheduling a dental procedure for your animal you are taking a very important step toward preserving your pet's health and comfort.

Our routine dental prophylaxis includes general anesthesia, a full oral exam, ultrasonic scaling and polishing of the teeth, fluoride treatment, and the application of a dental sealant. Preanesthetic bloodwork is available at an additional cost. Since our greatest concern is the well-being of your pet, we strongly recommend this bloodwork to identify potential health problems that could affect your animal's response to anesthesia. While a normal blood profile does not guarantee the absence of anesthetic complications, it does help reduce associated risks and enables us to provide your pet with optimal care tailored its individual needs. We offer two preanesthetic profiles; **please initial your choice below:**

**Pre-op Panel:** checks kidney, liver function, screens for diabetes & dehydration \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 **CBC, General Health Profile, Electrolytes:** as above plus screens for anemia, inflammation/infection, pancreatitis, metabolic disease \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 **I decline bloodwork**

Additionally, we recommend an IV catheter and fluid administration during all anesthetic procedures, especially in older animals or those with special needs. Fluids help maintain hydration and adequate blood pressure, and the catheter gives us venous access in case your pet should need IV antibiotics, pain medications, or emergency drugs.

-Catheter/fluids cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Please initial your choice:**  **accept/**  **decline**

The price of a basic dental is as follows:

Cats \$ \_\_\_\_\_      Dogs < 40 lbs \$ \_\_\_\_\_      Dogs > 40 lbs \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In cases of severe periodontal disease with large tartar accumulations, tooth root exposure, and extreme gingivitis, increased anesthetic and procedure time necessitate an extended dental fee of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for cats and \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for dogs.

The need for an extended dental may not be determined until an animal is anesthetized for a more complete exam.

Once your pet's mouth has been evaluated, the need for additional diagnostic and treatment options may arise. These extra procedures are outlined on the following page (over).

- 1) *Tooth extractions*: Teeth may need to be extracted if they are broken, loose, retained (baby teeth), or otherwise causing a problem. Extraction prices vary depending on the tooth involved, but in general range from \$15-80 in cats and \$15-150 in dogs. Canine and multi-rooted premolar/molar teeth in large dogs may cost more due to the time and skill involved in their removal. Extraction prices include post-extraction x-rays when indicated.
  
- 2) *Doxirobe application*: Doxirobe is an antibiotic gel that aids in reattachment of gum tissue to teeth when pockets larger than 5mm are present. Cost per site: \$\_\_\_\_\_
  
- 3) *Gingival surgery*: Surgical manipulation of gum tissue may be required in cases of gingival hyperplasia, tooth root exposure, large pockets, fistulas, and oral masses. Cost = \$15 to \$150, depending on the complexity of the procedure.
  
- 4) *Dental x-rays*: We now offer digital radiography to better assess the health of your pet's teeth below the gumline. X-rays are warranted in the case of fractured teeth, significant periodontal disease, oral masses, and FORL's (cats). Cost is \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the first site, \$\_\_\_\_\_ for each additional site.
  
- 5) *Pain medication*: Routine dentals do not usually require pain management; however, we may recommend pain medication if there are extractions, oral surgery, or severe gingivitis. A combination of local numbing agents, injectable opioids, and post-procedural oral NSAIDs are used to manage pain. Cost = \$\_\_\_\_\_
 

**Please indicate your desire for pain medication by initialing:**

\_\_\_\_ Yes, please provide my pet with pain medication if deemed necessary

\_\_\_\_ No, I decline pain medication

Since the need for the above procedures is unpredictable, it is imperative that we be able to reach you during your pet's dental. We will call you at the start of the dental and again if the need arises for authorization of any additional procedures. **If we are unable to reach you, please indicate (initial) which of the following options you prefer:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Do whatever the doctor deems necessary for my pet's best health without regard to cost, including x-rays.

\_\_\_\_\_ Do the recommended extra procedure(s) and x-rays only up to \$\_\_\_\_\_ (This is in addition to the routine dental fee). Specific exception(s) to this are: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Do nothing outside of the routine dental without my express permission. I understand that my pet will be woken up from anesthesia without any additional procedures if the doctor is unable to reach me by the end of the dental.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

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Emergency Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date