

Tualatin Park Veterinary Clinic

Dental Procedure Release

Date: <date>

Owner: <first-name> <last-name>

Patient: <animal>

Client #: <number>

Procedure: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact number for today: \_\_\_\_\_

**Pre-anesthetic bloodwork:** Pre-anesthetic blood testing before any anesthetic procedure is performed is highly recommended. The results give us information about your pet's health and their ability to tolerate anesthetic drugs. The CBC (Complete Blood Count) will check for any underlying infections and anemia.

\_\_\_\_\_ CBC and 10 Chemistry Panel (\$75) Recommended for young or otherwise healthy pets.

\_\_\_\_\_ CBC and 17 Chemistry Panel (\$95) Recommended for geriatric pets, or those who have not had recent labwork.

\_\_\_\_\_ I decline bloodwork for my pet.

**ECG/Cardio Screen:** A pre-surgical ECG can help ensure that your pet's heart is functioning properly and that the anesthetic protocols are tailored to meet any special needs your pet's heart may have. This screen sends a 30 second clip of your pet's ECG to a specialist for review prior to administration of anesthetic drugs.

\_\_\_\_\_ Pre-Anesthetic ECG Screen (\$30)

\_\_\_\_\_ I decline pre-anesthetic ECG screening

**Dental Radiographs (X-rays)** are an important part of the dental procedure. Dental x-rays show us any disease that may be present below the gum line. This aids us in making recommendations for your pet's dental health. Each radiograph is \$20, a complete mouth survey can range from \$80 to \$120, depending on the size of the patient.

\_\_\_\_\_ I accept a full survey of dental radiographs

\_\_\_\_\_ I accept radiographs only on teeth that appear compromised or are in need of extraction or further treatment.

\_\_\_\_\_ I decline dental radiographs.

**Extractions:** If extractions are recommended, we can call you to discuss our recommendations and estimated costs. If we are not able to reach you by phone, any extractions/procedures will be at the doctor's discretion.

\_\_\_\_\_ Perform any extractions/procedures deemed necessary by the doctor.

\_\_\_\_\_ Call before performing any extractions/procedures.

\_\_\_\_\_ Do not perform any extractions/procedures. (This may mean that extractions/procedures will need to be done at a later date under a separate anesthetic event.)

**Microchip:** 1 in 3 pets goes missing during its lifetime, and without proper ID, 90% never return home. A microchip for dogs and cats give the best protection with permanent ID that can never be removed or become impossible to read. We recommend microchip placement for all dogs and cats. Placement and registration is \$40.00.

\_\_\_\_\_ I authorize microchip placement.

\_\_\_\_\_ I decline microchip placement.

\_\_\_\_\_ My pet already has a microchip.

I understand the anesthetic and surgical procedures may involve risk of complication and no warranty or guarantee has been either expressed or implied as to result or cure. Furthermore, I authorize the hospital staff in an emergency situation, to follow through with such procedures as are necessary for the well-being of my pet on a continuing basis until further communication with me. I agree to assume financial responsibility for all routine and emergency services rendered.

Your signature below indicates your acknowledgement that you have read and agree to the above. The procedures have been explained to your satisfaction and that you have all the information you desire. You have had a chance to ask questions and you authorize and consent to the performance of the procedures and administration of anesthesia.

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Owner Signature

Date

**Tualatin Park Veterinary Clinic**  
**503-691-7777**  
**Dental Discharge Instructions**

Pet Name: <animal>

Date: <date>

Your Pet had a dental procedure today, which means they were placed under general anesthesia. As part of being under general anesthesia, your pet was intubated, which means a tube was placed in the trachea to support breathing. Sometimes, some mild coughing or irritation can occur.

Your Pet had a dental cleaning performed today. Your pet's teeth were ultrasonically scaled, polished and cleaned and inspected by your veterinarian.

**Feeding:**

Some pets have mild nausea following general anesthesia or sedation. Wait a few hours after returning home to offer a small amount of water. If no vomiting occurs, you may offer free-choice water and a small meal--1/4 to 1/2 the normal amount. If you see any vomiting or diarrhea, withhold food until the following morning.

You may return to your pet's normal feeding schedule and amount the next day.

Please feed a softened or canned food for the next \_\_\_\_\_ day(s).

**Activity:**

Please strictly restrict your Pet's activity for the next \_\_\_\_\_ day(s). Confine your pet indoors and take dogs outside on a leash to eliminate. No running, jumping, leaping on to or off of furniture.

No activity restriction is required.

**Extractions/Oral Surgery:**

Your Pet had dental extractions and/or oral surgery performed today. They may have swelling and tenderness at the surgical site. Please avoid handling your Pet's mouth for the next 10-14 days as this may disrupt the sutures and cause discomfort for your Pet.

Your Pet has absorbable sutures placed at the extraction site(s), which do not need to be removed.

### **Home Dental Care:**

☐ It is important for you to begin at-home dental care in order to maximize the life of your Pet and help extend the positive benefits from your Pet's dental cleaning procedure today. Please see attached instructions for brushing your Pet's teeth.

### **Medications:**

### **What to watch for:**

If any of the following occur, please contact our offices immediately. If after hours, we recommend you contact the following emergency veterinary clinic:

Emergency Veterinary Clinic of Tualatin (503) 691-7922

Tanasbourne Veterinary Emergency (503) 629-5800

- Suture site redness, oozing, swelling, missing sutures or pain on light touching.
- Excessive licking, chewing or bothering the suture site (this can be a sign of pain, your veterinarian may prescribe additional pain medications)
- Vomiting or diarrhea, more than one or two episodes or for longer than 24 hours.
- Lack of thirst or appetite, for over 24 hours.
- Straining to urinate or unable to pass urine.
- Listlessness, inactivity or unresponsiveness.
- Soreness, stiffness or pain that does not respond to pain medications

## Brushing Your Pet's Teeth

Firstly, this should be fun for you and your pet. Be upbeat and take things slowly. Do not overly restrain your pet. Keep sessions short and positive. Be sure to praise your pet throughout the process. Give yourself a pat on the back, too! You are doing a great thing for your pet!

1. First, have your pet get used to the taste of the toothpaste. Pet toothpastes have a poultry, malt, or other flavor so your pet will like the taste. Get your pet used to the flavor and consistency of the toothpaste. Let your pet lick some off your finger. Praise your pet when they lick the paste and give a reward (really tasty treat). If your pet does not like the taste of the toothpaste, you may need to try a different kind. Continue this step for a few days or until your pet looks forward to licking the paste.
2. The next step is to have your pet become comfortable with having something placed against their teeth and gums. Apply a small amount of paste to your finger and gently rub it on one of the large canine teeth in the front of the mouth. These are the easiest teeth for you to get at and will give you some easier practice. Be sure to praise your pet and give a tasty treat or other special reward.
3. After your pet is used to the toothpaste, and having something applied to their teeth, get them used to the toothbrush you will be using routinely. We need to get your pet used to the consistency of the toothbrushes, especially the bristled. So, let your pet lick the toothpaste off of the brush so they get used to the texture. Again, praise your pet when they lick the paste and give a really great treat or other reward. Continue this step for about a week, making sure your pet readily licks the paste off of the brush.
4. Now your pet is used to the toothbrush and toothpaste and having something in their mouth. So the next step is to start brushing. Talk to your pet in a happy voice during the process and praise your pet at the end. Lift the upper lip gently and place the brush at a 45° angle to the gum line. Gently move the brush back and forth. At first, you may just want to brush one or both upper canine teeth. You do not need to brush the inside surface of the teeth (the side towards the tongue). The movement of the tongue over the inside surfaces keeps them relatively free of plaque. Be sure to praise your pet, end on a good note and give a tasty treat or other great reward.
5. When your pet accepts having several teeth brushed, slowly increase the number of teeth you are brushing. Again, by making it appear to be a game, you both will have fun doing it.
6. It is best to brush your pet's teeth every day. We usually recommend brushing for about 45 seconds or the length of a T.V. commercial.