

Dental Home Care Instructions

These instructions will help with the recovery of your pet following his or her dental procedure:

- **Feeding:** Feed a light meal today (1/4 of the normal amount) if your pet is hungry. You may soften the food with water, or feed wet food for a few days if your pet has had any extractions.
- **Medications:** Administer as prescribed on drug label
 - Pain medication, if needed
 - Antibiotics, if needed
- **Exercise:** Restrict activity twenty four hours after anesthesia.
- **Bleeding:** A small amount of bleeding following extractions or dental surgery is normal, but should stop within the next 24 hours. You may clean affected areas around the mouth as needed with a warm, moist cloth.
- **Endotracheal tube:** Your pet has had a tube placed into his/her windpipe for safety purposes, to ensure good oxygen flow and to administer gaseous anesthesia. You may notice a slight cough for a few days after the procedure.
- **Anesthesia:** Each animal recovers from anesthesia at a different rate. Some animals are back to normal within 24 hours, others take as long as 3-4 days to fully recuperate. Because the anesthetic can lower the body temperature keep your pet someplace where they will be warm and dry.
- **Recheck:** Unless otherwise instructed we will examine your pet's mouth again at your next comprehensive wellness exam. Call us if you have any questions or concerns or if your pet develops any of the following: vomiting after 24 hours, diarrhea, refusal to eat after 24 hours, severe pain, or a change in our pets general health or behavior.

<animal> received a professional dental treatment which included:

- **Charting** to make a medical record of the examination of your pet's teeth.
- **Ultrasonic scaling** above and below the gum line. This removes calculus, food particles and debris from the tooth surface and under the gum line.
- **Probing** to check for pockets, enamel deformities and cavities.



- **Polishing** to smooth your pet's teeth which will help make teeth more resistant to plaque build-up.
 - **A fluoride treatment** at the close of the procedure to help strengthen the enamel and decrease tooth sensitivity.
 - **An application** of Oravet, a barrier sealant, to further protect the teeth.
- **Additional treatments may have included:** Examination for any abnormalities in the mouth, pocket therapy, and extractions as needed.

Today's Professional dental treatment was an important first step in the dental health care needs of <animal>. To reduce dental disease and help your pet live a healthy life, your home dental care options include:



Follow Up Care



Hill's t/d Dental Diet
Daily Brushing
Oravet
Yearly Dental Cleaning