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## Dental Teeth Cleaning and Polishing Handout

### BASIC DENTAL performed by our Certified Veterinary Technicians & Doctors

- **Pre-Anesthetic Blood Screen** – review internal organ function for anesthetic safety and long term pet health.
- **IV Catheter with IV Fluids** – to support blood pressure and to give immediate emergency medication directly into the blood stream if an unexpected problem occurs.
- **Anesthesia** – 60 minutes for thorough cleaning, polishing and evaluation. We use isoflurane gas anesthesia, the same type used in human hospitals.
- **Heating Pad** – we use a heating pad that circulates warm water to ensure your pet stays warm and maintains a safe body temperature.
- **Monitoring** – we use state of the art monitoring equipment to measure your pet's heart rate and oxygen level in the blood stream so we can maintain safe anesthesia.
- **Dental Teeth Cleaning & Polishing** – we use the same tools your regular dentist uses to remove tartar from the teeth. Our oral exam includes probing for periodontal pockets and enamel defects such as cavities or pulp exposure.
- **Polishing** – we smooth the rough tooth surfaces that collect tartar.

Sub Total     \$475 - \$550  
(includes the \$50 coupon)

### PERIODONTAL SERVICES BASED ON PATIENT NEEDS

- **Additional Anesthesia** – difficult cleaning and/or extractions require longer anesthesia.
- **Advanced Anesthesia Monitoring** - ECG Screen to evaluate heart function and Carbon Monoxide Monitor to measure adequate oxygenation.
- **Dental Radiographs** – to evaluate health of tooth and root structure and the presence of cavities or tooth abscesses.
- **Extractions & Periodontal work** – to remove or treat loose, broken, decayed, or damaged teeth. This step is difficult to estimate until we have your pet under anesthesia. Some of this treatment occurs below the gum line.
- **Pain Management** – we use analgesic injection drugs that blocks pain sensation. May include narcotics and anti-inflammatory drugs.
- **Antibiotic Injection** – if there is infection in your pet's mouth.
- **Antibiotics** – oral medication sent home with you to treat infection.
- **Dental Care Supplies** – to use at home.

Additional \$150 - \$800

*Some patients have moderate to advanced periodontal disease & need extensive dental treatments, including extractions, root planings, and oral surgery. It can be difficult to determine a precise estimate while your pet is awake in the exam room. Often times we need to complete the dental cleaning under anesthesia, measure for pockets & take dental x-rays before we know what teeth need to be removed.*

Grand Total \$475 - \$1,350  
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# Dental Teeth Cleaning

## \$50 Coupon

**Regular dental teeth cleanings are an important part of your pet's health care.**

Benefits for keeping your pet's mouth and teeth healthy:

- **They'll live longer** – untreated periodontal disease sends bacteria to the heart and kidneys, which ultimately leads to more serious problems.
- **They'll have fresh breath for nice smelling kisses** – if you smell bad breath, there's a good chance an infection is already present in the mouth.
- **They won't be in any pain or discomfort from loose teeth or infected gums** – some signs to look for: difficulty eating or losing weight.
- **You'll save money** – it's not unusual for a dog or cat to need a dental cleaning as early as 3 to 4 years of age. In most cases they'll need to have their teeth cleaned every one to two years for the rest of their life. Regular dental cleanings run about \$500. If your pet develops periodontal disease (infection, gum loss, bone loss, & loose teeth), the cost for dental x-rays, extractions, & oral surgery is much more expensive. This added cost could be several hundred dollars.

By age 3 years, 70% of adult pets have developed the early stages of gingivitis and/or periodontal disease. To treat gingivitis and slow or stop the progression of periodontal disease, here's what you need to do:

1. Bring your pet in each year for an annual exam. Your veterinarian will recommend a dental cleaning either yearly or every other year.
2. Schedule the dental cleanings as recommended. Even though your pet's dental cleaning and oral exam are similar to your dentist, we need to anesthetize your pet to safely and effectively clean below the gums and perform extractions as necessary.
3. Follow a dental home care program like offering dental chews and treats, rinsing with a dental wash, and brushing your pet's teeth.

We know regular dental teeth cleanings and periodontal treatments are expensive.  
We would like to reward you for taking action now.

**Present this coupon for \$50 off  
your pet's next dental teeth cleaning.**

Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

Veterinarian: \_\_\_\_\_

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