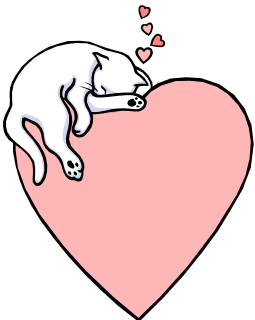


concerns

All of our patients undergoing general anesthesia are monitored during surgery or dentistry with an EKG and a pulse oximeter (a device to measure blood oxygenation). We have blood pressure monitoring equipment as well. All patients are kept warm during and after their procedures, and are not returned to the ward until they appear to be recovering routinely! All patients are intubated at the time of their dentistry; this allows us to protect their airway and to regulate the depth of their anesthesia.



I might cough mildly after I have had a tube in my throat during dentistry!



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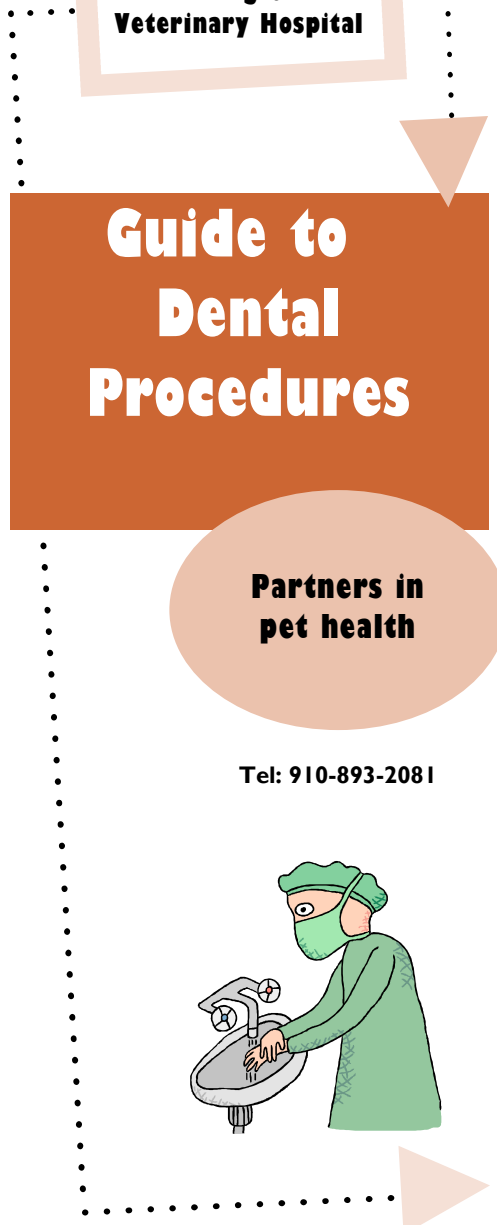
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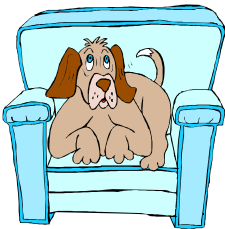


Appointments

Please call in advance to schedule a dental appointment if this is possible. We perform surgery and dentistry Monday through Friday. We do limit appointments on holidays in order to allow your pet to return home promptly after the procedure.

We encourage you to review the procedure with a doctor, especially if it is not a routine one. This way we can listen to your concerns and prepare our patient pre-operatively as we deem necessary. For instance, some animals require antibiotics prior to a dentistry if periodontal disease is present, or a senior patient may need more extensive lab work than is routine.

Animals admitted for dentistry generally are discharged in the afternoon of the same day. Any patient discharged after a dental procedure should still be confined and watched carefully for 24-48 hours postoperatively. Recovery is variable between patients and is related to the drugs they have been given and the length of the procedure. Most dentals require at least 30 minutes, and often two to three times that amount of time if extractions are involved. Patients



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til I am better.**

tend to be a little unsteady when they first awake. They may have trouble staying warm. You may see some blood tinged saliva if teeth have been extracted or if severe periodontal disease is present.

After scheduling the appointment

Make sure you are informed of the arrival time, generally between 7:30 and 8:30am on the morning of the dental. Follow instructions for fasting prior to arrival-usually no food past 10pm the night before, although water is allowed. No "Big Gulps" right before you come! Let us know if your pet has any allergies, or if they have had prolonged recovery from anesthesia in the past. Please schedule a dental discharge time, this allows our technicians to review aftercare.



Arrive prepared to go over and sign some documents. We require a signature on a surgical consent form, which states that you have been informed of and agree to the procedures, and that you will be responsible for charges. The consent is at the bottom of an *estimate* of charges. The estimate is what we expect the costs to be. Please understand that circumstances can arise which alter the estimated charges *especially in the case of a dental procedure*. We often find problems in the mouth that have previously gone undetected. We attempt to keep clients informed of changes in the estimate when we foresee differences.

It is critical that you provide an **emergency phone number or contact**.

Almost every procedure we do to promote the health and well being of your pet carries with it some element of risk. We minimize these risks by selecting our protocols and procedures carefully and by working in partnership with you in obtaining informed consent after reviewing the options for treatment and explaining the benefits vs. the risks of each procedure.



We take pride in our care during dental procedures. We completely remove plaque, we check for periodontal pockets and remove loose teeth if we think they cannot be saved. We examine the gums for masses. We closely monitor the patient during and after anesthesia and provide pain relief through injectable medication and intra-oral regional anesthesia (nerve blocks).

Dental Aftercare

When your pet is released, please follow instructions as to food and water intake and use of dental prophylactic products.

_____ teeth were removed _____ were missing.

Periodontal disease is grade _____/4.

Soft food for _____ days. Warm water or broth for _____ days.

Brush teeth _____ times a week.

Use maxi-guard _____.

Use Oravet plaque prevention gel _____.

Greenies may help the back molars in dogs.

Add Science Diet T/D (tooth diet) food to your feeding regimen.

Dental chews allowed _____.

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