

Carleton Veterinary Services & Lanark Veterinary Clinic

Dental

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Mission Statement

Where heart and medicine come together for the benefit of pets, their people and our community.

WHAT IS INVOLVED IN A DENTAL?

A veterinary dental assessment always begins with an initial awake oral exam. During a consultation the veterinarian will assess the periodontal disease.

Feline and canine dental work is very similar to human dental work. The veterinarian will often recommend dental radiographs to assess the areas of the mouth beneath the gum line. Animals always need to be under anesthesia during dental work. The veterinarian will assess the entire mouth, looking closely at each tooth and over all oral health. Teeth with bone or gingival recession or decay will be extracted. The remaining healthy teeth will be scaled and polished.

HOW DOES MY PET BENEFIT FROM HAVING A DENTAL?

- Eliminate bacteria under the gum that can travel to the heart, kidneys and liver
- Eliminate bad breath
- Removal teeth that are causing oral pain
- Removal of plaque and tartar

WHAT SHOULD I EXPECT THE DAY OF SURGERY?

Your pet should arrive in the clinic the day of surgery between 8:00-8:30 am. Your pet should be fasted meaning no food after midnight the night before. A small amount of water is acceptable.

Often dentals range from 30 minutes to 1 hour. We want to ensure your pet is safe while under anesthetic for this length of time so blood work and IV fluids are mandatory.

BENEFITS OF PRE-ANESTHETIC BLOODWORK

- Detects hidden illness that may put your pet at risk during anesthesia/ surgery
- Help us to choose the anesthetic that is best for your pet
- Provides peace of mind

BENEFITS OF IV FLUIDS

- IV fluids make anesthesia safer
- Warmed fluids help to maintain body temperature as many patients suffer from hypothermia
- Helps keep blood pressure stable as many pets under anesthesia end up being slightly dehydrated with reduced blood pressure by the end of the procedure
- Reduces patient's recovery

AFTER SURGERY CARE

- Your pet can be picked up anytime after 4 pm the day of surgery
- Soft food is often advised for 5-7 day post dental. Please feed small meals spread out throughout the day as many patients feel nauseous after anesthesia and fasting.
- The nurse will go over homework rules with you at time of pick up
- You will be required to keep your pet quiet for 1 day during recovery
- 3-5 days of post op pain medication will be dispensed
- Antibiotics are often prescribed if your pet had dental extractions