



Procedure: Dental cleaning +/- Oral Surgery

Medications:

Dogs will be sent home with pain medication and antibiotics as needed. At discharge, we will let you know if any medications are being sent home and if so, when the first dose is needed. Cats are given long-acting antibiotics and pain medication while they're here with us so that no oral medications are needed after surgery.

Post- Operative Care: Your pet may be a bit groggy for 12-24 hours after surgery. Please monitor pets closely and keep them away from stairs or any other potential dangers in your home during that time period. In order to ensure proper healing, *it is of great importance that you adhere to the following post-operative care instructions:*

Oral Surgical Site: Please monitor your pet's oral incision(s). Some degree of swelling and bruising is to be expected over the few days immediately following surgery. If either of these becomes excessive, or you note a large amount of bloody discharge or any foul odor from the mouth or nose, please let us know.

Exercise restriction – times will vary from 1 – 14 days based on amount of surgery needed. This means **NO** running, jumping or rough play. **NO** chew toys, Kongs, or Rawhides. Cats should stay indoors and dogs should be taken on short leash walks only for this time period.

Recheck exam is needed 10-14 days after surgery if significant oral surgery is performed.

Diet: Pets who have undergone anesthesia may be a bit queasy for 24 hours or so and therefore may not show a normal appetite in that time. Start reintroducing food by offering a small amount of water, followed by a small amount of food a few hours after discharge. We recommend canned food or kibble softened with warm water for all pets on the night they are discharged. Pets who have had oral surgery will need canned food for 10-14 days. All other pets can resume their normal diet the day after a dental cleaning.

The following preventative measures may be recommended based on your pet's dental health:

Hill's Prescription T/D Dental Diet
 CET Dental Chews

Tooth Brushing with CET Enzymatic Toothpaste
 Dog or Cat: Essential Healthy Mouth Water Additive

___ Oral Evaluation in 6-12 months
months

___ Recommend periodontal scaling and polishing in 12