



# PIPER STREET Veterinary clinic



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### **Dental cleaning and periodontal treatment consent form**

This procedure will include preparation, anaesthesia, monitoring, catherization, fluid support and pain management. If you would like a detailed explanation of each area covered under the procedure, please see a staff member. Once your pet is under anaesthesia your veterinarian will perform a complete oral exam and carefully check your pet's teeth and gums. During this comprehensive exam, your veterinarian may find one or more teeth that need to be extracted for health reasons. Radiographs will be required to obtain an accurate diagnosis of the condition of your pet's teeth and jawbone.

#### **Dental radiographs:**

- Oral radiographs are an important diagnostic tool to help us evaluate your pet's oral health.
- Much of the teeth structure (i.e. the root – 2/3rds of the tooth) lie below the gum line and radiographs aid the vet in determining the health and structure of the teeth.
- In most cases radiographs can confirm the necessity for extraction of a tooth that may be loose, damaged or severely diseased.

#### **Teeth Extractions:**

- A proper dental exam and assessment of oral health cannot be performed in a conscious patient as a proper diagnosis of dental disease requires radiographs and dental probing.
- Severely diseased teeth can cause considerable pain and discomfort and are a source of infection for other organ systems (liver, kidney, lungs, and heart).
- Once the teeth have been assessed they may require extraction.
- The cost of extractions varies depending on the amount of time taken and the difficulty of the extraction.

#### **Potential risks and complications associated with a dental procedure:**

- Jaw fracture: If extraction of lower teeth (mandibular) is required there is the possibility of jaw fracture. This can happen if there is severe periodontal disease that weakens the structural integrity of the jawbone.
- Breakdown (dehiscence) of gingival flaps/sutures.
- Lip entrapment following removal of canine teeth (especially in cats)
- Other potential complications: Fracture of root tips, fracture of the alveolar bone (bone surrounding the teeth), excessive haemorrhage after extraction and oronasal fistulas. Our veterinarians have had further education in dentistry, and we use the best available techniques and equipment to minimise the risk of these complications.

- Anaesthesia: pre-surgical blood tests and physical exam will enable us to assess and minimise the risk of anaesthesia. As well as constant monitoring of heart/respiration rates, oxygenation, blood pressure and temperature during the anaesthetic.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding the possible complications of a dental procedure, please feel free to raise these issues and our veterinarians will be happy to discuss them with you.

#### **Pre-anaesthetic bloodwork:**

- We will perform a full physical examination on your pet before administering an anaesthetic. However, we highly recommend a pre-anaesthetic blood panel to be performed especially in older animals. This will ensure that your pet is in a low risk category for anaesthesia by screening for medical problems which may not be evident physically but could affect your pet's recovery from anaesthesia and surgery.
- This is at a cost of \$70 which will be included in your estimate
  - Please tick if you would like this service included in today's procedure.

#### **Owner consent regarding extractions if required:**

- I authorise all medically necessary extractions to be performed
- I would prefer to be called before any extractions are performed. If I cannot be contacted, I authorise you to proceed with all necessary dental procedures.
- If I cannot be contacted by phone, I do NOT authorise any extractions to be performed. **\*Please be aware that if you decline any needed procedures at this time, your pet will require a second anaesthetic at another time in order for those procedures to be performed and you will still be charged for the costs incurred during the initial procedure today.**
- I would prefer to seek out a dental specialist for further treatment such as root canals, fillings and orthodontics.

#### **Owner responsibility**

- I understand that home care administered by myself may be required to achieve the best overall success.
- This will include administering antibiotics and pain relief medication prescribed by the veterinarian following the procedure.
- Ongoing dental home care instructions will be provided at the time of the recheck appointment in 7 days
- I understand that payment for services rendered will be due in full at the time of my pet's discharge.

#### **Estimate of today's procedure:**

- Between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

**Authorisation:**

I HAVE READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THIS ANAESTHESIA AND SURGERY CONSENT FORM AND I AM OVER 18 YEARS OF AGE.

I authorise anaesthesia and surgery for my pet, as described above. The nature and risks of this procedure have been explained to me. I understand that some risks always exist with anaesthesia, surgery and dentistry and I am encouraged to discuss any concerns I have about those risks with the hospital's medical staff before the procedure is initiated. While, Piper Street Vet Clinic provides the highest quality of anaesthesia, monitoring and surgical services and dentistry I completely understand the possibility of unforeseen complications that may occur during any associated anaesthetic, surgical procedure or dentistry. I recognise that the veterinarian and hospital staff will do all that is necessary to minimise such risks.

Signed,

**Client Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact number day of procedure:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Co-signed attending veterinarian:** \_\_\_\_\_

