



SMILE

LOOK HOW WHITE YOUR TEETH ARE!

SPECIAL NOTES ABOUT AFTERCARE:

- ANTIBIOTICS are usually required because teeth cleaning is often not requested nor suggested until tooth and gum disease is already present.
- PAIN MANAGEMENT is usually only needed when extractions are done. This is given to owners to give at home.

Canine Periodontal Disease Stage 4



Teeth Cleaning

Much attention has been focused on veterinary dentistry in the past year. Research clearly shows that proper dental care is probably one of the most important things you can do to add years and quality to the life of your pet. Pet dental care is important because gum infections hurt! Usually your pet does not express outward signs of dental pain, thus they may suffer needlessly. Gum and tooth disease leads to other infections. Your pet will be more pleasant to be around without "bad breath".

Teeth cleaning involves the following steps:

- LABORATORY TESTING is to determine anesthesia safety. As your pet grows older, internal organs begin to fail. Even though your pet seems to be in good health, blood testing often reveals subclinical problems that are treatable when caught in time. Required for geriatric pets, and recommended for younger animals.
- ANESTHESIA is required since a pet will not "open wide". Sedation allows a thorough job, including cleaning part of the tooth under the gumline. Sedatives are chosen with pet's utmost safety by age, weight and physical condition.
- SCALING of the teeth to remove tartar above and below the gumline is done with hand instruments and ultrasonic scaler. POLISHING is then performed to remove micro-crevices that make it easier for tartar to adhere to the tooth.
- DENTAL RADIOGRAPHS may be indicated to aid in determining if extractions are indicated.
- EXTRACTIONS of any infected, broken, or loose teeth may be needed. Minor extractions will be done at the time of the teeth cleaning. However, many extractions require a significant surgical procedure and are best done at a later date.

There are many products on the market that will slow the reoccurrence of dental disease. Please ask our staff for more information.

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YEARLY DENTAL EXAMS AND ROUTINE DENTAL CARE WILL MAKE YOUR PET HAPPIER AND HEALTHIER!

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