

Lineberger Veterinary Hospital Teeth Cleaning Instructions

Please take away your pet's food and water at 8:00 p.m. the night before his or her procedure. Teethcleans are performed on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings. It is important for your pet's safety to be dropped off promptly at 8:00 a.m. and spend the day in our hospital after having his/her teeth cleaned. Upon waking up from the anesthesia your pet will be very groggy. Patients should be confined in order to avoid injury. It is also necessary for your pet to stay in order for Dr. Lineberger to evaluate your pet prior to their discharge from the hospital. All patients checked into the hospital must be current on their vaccinations and heartworm prevention. We require a copy of the medical records if these services were not performed at our hospital. It is necessary to perform a physical examination if not previously done at Lineberger Veterinary Hospital to indicate any underlying health problems. If vaccines or heartworm prevention have not been kept current it is necessary for us to update them at the owner's expense. We will give the necessary physical exam, vaccines, and heartworm test at the same visit when you drop them off. A complimentary Capstar tablet for fleas will be administered upon arrival at no additional cost.

Advances in anesthesia and surgery have made routine procedures relatively safe with a low rate of complications. Nevertheless, occasional problems can arise due to pre-existing conditions not evident during routine pre-anesthetic examinations. To avoid these problems, we recommend that all of these cases be screened prior to anesthesia by means of the following laboratory tests.

Pre-anesthetic panel:

Includes:	BUN (kidney)	ALKP (liver)	
	Glucose (blood sugar)		Total Protein (hydration)
	ALT (liver)		
	CBC (complete blood count)		Creatinine (kidney)

Cost: \$63.00

It is our policy to auscultate (listen to) the heart of every pet prior to anesthesia. However, there are circumstances where a pet's heart may be abnormal without showing abnormal sounds. An ECG can help detect heart disease that is not apparent on physical exam. Silent heart disease has the potential to cause problems while your pet is anesthetized. An optional ECG is one more tool to help our doctors determine if your pet has a higher anesthetic risk. Approximate additional cost for your pet is \$40.00 if you choose to have it done.

All procedures do not warrant the administration of pain medicine, however, as you know, all patients' pain levels differ. Pain medication is available for you to give to your pet at home if you feel that it would be beneficial. The estimated cost of the medicine is \$25.00 - \$30.00 (depending on breed and weight range).

It is hospital policy to place an IV Catheter in any pet over 7 years of age if the patient is to be placed under anesthesia. Geriatric patients particularly may need IV fluids or emergency IV medications during surgery. There is an additional charge of \$24.00 the owner will be responsible for at the time the pet is picked up. The IV Catheter is required for pets 7 years of age or over. It is optional but recommended for cats or dogs under 7 years of age.

Another advancement in veterinary medicine is our FDA approved Class IV Therapy Laser. It helps promote faster healing by deeply penetrating the tissue without damaging it. Laser therapy

has been scientifically proven to be successful in treating post-surgical pain. Inflammation and bacteria are significantly reduced without any side effects with the laser session. Owner's can elect for their pet to receive the optional one-time Laser Session at the cost of \$20.00.

Due to the affects of anesthesia, your pet may be groggy for 12 hours. Please protect your pet when leaving the hospital by using either a leash or a carrier. Excessive activity may result in your pet getting loose or result in injury if your pet is recovering from anesthesia. Avoid access to stairs or situations that may lead to injury. As a result of the cleaning and polishing your pet's mouth may be sore for a few days. If extractions were done, it will be necessary to feed soft food for the next day or two.

We now carry a new sealing product called OraVet that reduces plaque and tartar formation by preventing bacteria from attaching to your pet's teeth. You will be asked if you would like to have this optional product applied for \$15.00. This will help to extend the results of the dental cleaning by creating an invisible barrier. If you choose you may also purchase the OraVet take home kit for \$25.00. You will use the OraVet Plaque Prevention Gel once weekly to maintain the barrier we will have established at the time of the dental. Enclosed is an OraVet brochure for more information.

You might consider purchasing some dental care products for home use to help prevent frequent cleanings. At home dental care is imperative to prolong the effects of the teeth cleaning. In addition to the OraVet, we also carry finger brush kits, toothpaste/gel, chews, a dental health diet, and Aquadent; a concentrated solution to add to pet's drinking water. All of these products help freshen breath and decrease tartar build-up.

**** Lineberger Vet Hospital is a Flea Free Facility ****