

Caring for _____ after a Dental

Anesthesia: It is normal for your pet to be groggy the day of the dental. This should wear off by the next day. Some animals become more vocal after anesthetic, but this does not necessarily mean he/she is in pain. Please call if you have any questions.

Proper Restraint and Exercise: Properly restraining your pet is important. Being too excited or rowdy for the first few days could hurt your pet. Use a leash or carrier to keep your pet under control.

Food and Water: Start by offering your pet a small amount of water. Try not to let him/her drink too much too quickly as it may upset the stomach. If she/he takes water fine, try a small amount of your pet's food then build slowly. If vomiting occurs, take the water away and try again in 4 hours. Even with extractions, your pet will generally eat their normal food. If she/he seems sensitive, try soft food but most pets can go back to their normal food in less than 2 weeks. If you note any of the following symptoms, please contact us immediately.

- *Not eating for more than 2 days
- *Weakness
- *Prolonged Diarrhea
- * Not drinking for more than 1 day
- *Depression
- *Continued Vomiting

Extractions: Your pet had _____ teeth removed today. Extractions are done for the health of your animal. We only remove teeth that are infected, loose and/or painful. If teeth were extracted, there may be some reddish saliva (blood tinged) for a few days. This is normal with extractions. This should slowly subside without intervention. Salt water flushes may speed healing but are not required.

Bathing: Your pet can continue with normal schedule for baths.

Medication: If medications are needed, please use according to label instructions.

Please start them _____ and continue until gone or as directed. If extractions occurred, be sure to use the pain medication to help reduce inflammation as well

Brushing teeth: If your pet lost teeth, wait about two weeks to begin brushing the teeth. If there were no extractions, you can begin right away. Other ways to help keep the teeth clean and healthy include water additives and tartar control treats and food that we sell here at the clinic.

Date _____