



Dental After Care

- Some bleeding or blood tinged saliva can be expected after a cleaning, as gingivitis causes gums to be more sensitive. If any extractions were made then some oral bleeding is to be expected. If it becomes excessive, please contact us.
- It is also not uncommon to hear your pet cough after the procedure. This is usually caused by some minor irritation from the endotracheal tube that is in place to deliver the oxygen and anesthesia to your pet. If this continues beyond a few days, please contact us.
- Do not give your pet food or water for at least one hour after returning home to prevent vomiting. (General anesthesia can cause some pets to feel nauseated after recovery.) It may be necessary to moisten the food or feed canned food for 3-5 days if your pet is exhibiting discomfort or had extractions.
- In cases of severe gingivitis, antibiotics are sent home to prevent infection from spreading into the blood stream. Some patients will be started on antibiotics a few days before the dental procedure. Your pet then should receive the rest of the dosage after the procedure. It is important your pet receives the entire dosage to prevent resistant infections.
- Make sure your pet eats and drinks after the procedure. If your pet is exhibiting any signs of discomfort, please give us a call and we will dispense some pain medication if not previously dispensed. Do not give Tylenol or other medications without talking to the doctor. Many medications can have serious interactions with other drugs being given.

If you have any concerns, please feel free to give us a call. We would always rather speak with you than have a complication develop with your pet.