Owner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_



# 2019 Dental Consent Form

Pet's Name:

A routine dental prophylaxis includes the following services:

Pre-anesthetic Blood Profile\* Intravenous Catheter and Fluids Pre-anesthetic Injection Anesthetic Induction

General Anesthesia Isoflurane Complete Dental Examination Dental Scaling Polishing and Fluoride Antibiotic Injection Hospitalization and Recovery

Routine Dental: \$875.00 Dental Days Discount: -\$300.00 Base Routine Dental Prophylaxis: \$575.00

# **Associated Care and Diagnostics**

During the oral exam and teeth cleaning we may discover additional problems associated with your pet's teeth and gums. We will proceed with the following additional basic care and diagnostics:

X-rays (\$52.00 1<sup>st</sup> X-ray & \$19.00 for Additional X-rays) Loose Teeth / Non-Surgical Extractions (\$26.00 per tooth)

I understand that during the routine dental exam and cleaning, it may be necessary for the above basic treatment and diagnostics to be performed. I authorize this care and treatment and understand that if performed there will be additional costs. \_\_\_\_\_ (Initial)

# Surgical Extractions and Other Procedures:

Oral surgery may be required to extract teeth that are not easily removed. These surgical extractions can range from \$93 to \$245.00 per tooth. If performed, pain medication and antibiotics will be needed and sent home.

In order to minimize the time that your pet spends under anesthesia, it is important that we know your desires before proceeding. In the event that more involved procedures are required than authorized above or on an estimate, I authorize the veterinarian to do one of the following: (Please initial only one)

\_\_\_\_\_ A. Do whatever is deemed to be in my pet's interest.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ B. Try to reach me at my number below, but if unable, do what's deemed in my pet's interest.

\_\_\_\_\_ C. Do not do more extensive procedures without contacting me. <u>I understand that if I cannot</u> be reached, no additional treatment will be performed and my pet may require an additional anesthetic procedure at a future date to complete treatment.

Signature of Owner/Agent	Date

Primary Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please list all medications / supplements your pet is currently taking:

\*If blood work within normal limits has been performed within the last 30 to 60 days, pre-anesthetic blood profile may be waived at doctor's discretion.



# Why is Dental Care Important?

Healthy teeth and gums help protect the quality of life of our pets. Pets with chronic dental disease not only live with discomfort; they have a challenged immune system and are more prone to heart, kidney and liver disease. Due to high bacteria counts in their mouths, the bacteria can be shed in their blood and affect their organs. Maintaining and caring for the dental health of your pet is an important way to increase the comfort and length of your pet's life.

# What is involved in a Dental Procedure?

## **Pre-anesthetic Blood Profile**

This test helps determine underlying diseases and rule out internal problems that may exist and may not be physically evident. It allows us to insure your pet is a low risk anesthetic patient.

## **Intravenous Catheter and Fluids**

Our standard care is to place an IV catheter and give fluids during anesthesia to increase safety, protect vital organs, and aid in anesthetic recovery.

#### Anesthesia

A thorough evaluation of your pet's mouth, teeth and gums cannot be accomplished without the aid of a general anesthetic. For senior pets, we now use a modified anesthetic protocol that is easier and safer for their older bodies to process. They have a smoother recovery directly after their procedure as well as when they go home.

## **Complete Dental Exam**

A thorough evaluation of your pet's mouth, teeth, and gums is performed. During this exam, your pet's mouth is evaluated for periodontal (gum) disease, cavities, cracked and/or mobile teeth, tumors and lesions.

## Scaling, Polishing and Fluoride Coating

Scaling removes the tartar above and below the gum line and is done with hand and sonic instruments. Polishing the teeth after scaling is important to smooth the tooth surface to resist additional plaque formation. Fluoride coating decreases tooth sensitivity, strengthens tooth enamel, and decreases plaque formation.

## X-rays

X-rays may be needed if an oral exam is insufficient to discover the full extent of dental disease and to determine appropriate therapy. X-rays can reveal hidden cavities, decay, abscessed tooth roots, bone loss, and infections that can seriously impact your pet's overall health as well as their comfort and ability to eat.

#### Loose Teeth / Non-Surgical Extractions

Loose teeth act like splinters in the mouth to hold in infection and dissolve bone (sometimes leading to fractured jaws).

#### **Surgical Extractions**

Larger teeth with two or three roots frequently require oral surgery to be removed.

#### Pain and Antibiotic Medications

Following extensive dental work, the doctor will send home pain medication and antibiotics for your pet to reduce pain, inflammation and reduce risk for infections

If we have recommended a dental on your pet and you have any questions please contact our office at 707-433-6916.