



## **DENTAL CLEANING INFORMATION SHEET**

Your pet has been scheduled for a dental procedure. Please review the following information prior to your pet's appointment.

### **Hospital and Procedural Information:**

- **Drop off/Pick up:** Please drop off your pet between 8-8:30 a.m. Pickup is 5 p.m. – unless prior arrangements have been made. Pet Menders closes at 5:30 p.m.
- **Food/Water:** No food for 9 hours prior to drop off. Water is OK at any time.
- **Vaccinations:** All pets must have a current Rabies vaccination. Failure to provide proof of vaccination will result in your pet being vaccinated after their procedure.
- **External Parasites:** If external parasites are found on your pet during their hospitalization, we will discuss treatment options.
- **Anesthesia:** The use of general anesthesia allows for the necessary immobilization without discomfort, periodontal probing, intraoral radiology, and the removal of plaque and tartar above and below the gum line including polishing to ensure patient health and safety.
- **Monitoring:** To minimize anesthesia risk, we monitor the heart, blood pressure, respiration rates, temperature and oxygenation during each procedure.
- **IV Catheterization:** Blood pressure may lower during anesthetic procedures and fluid therapy aids in supporting your pet's internal organ systems and also allows access to the vascular system in case of an emergency. *The cost for fluid therapy is \$ 71.00.*
- **Pre-Anesthetic Blood Work:** Blood work is recommended for any patient undergoing anesthesia to ensure kidney and liver function is adequate to process and eliminate anesthesia. *The cost for pre-anesthetic blood work is \$ 95.00.*
- **Pain Management:** Pain medication may be necessary in some dental procedures. The doctor may prescribe pain medication to control your pet's discomfort during their recovery at home. *The cost for pain medication is \$ 25.00 to \$ 50.00.*
- **Antibiotics:** Antibiotics may be prescribed by the doctor for your pet's oral hygiene needs. *The cost for antibiotics is \$ 20.00 to \$ 65.00.*

### **Dental Extractions:**

- It can be difficult to predict if teeth need extraction when an animal is awake because tartar and movement interfere with the assessment. Severely diseased teeth can cause considerable pain and discomfort and are a source of infection for other organ systems (liver, kidney, lung and heart). During the dental cleaning, the teeth are evaluated, and if found to be diseased, they may require extraction. *The cost of extraction varies depending on the amount of time taken and the difficulty of the extraction and ranges from \$ 18.00 to \$ 89.00 per tooth.*
- A gingivoplasty may be necessary after extractions to restore the gingiva. *The cost of a gingivoplasty is \$ 34.14.*

### **Dental Radiographs:**

- We highly recommend radiographs in order to better evaluate your pet's oral health. Much of the teeth lie below the gum line and radiographs aid in determining the health and structure of the teeth. Radiographs can confirm the necessity for extraction of a tooth that may be loose, damaged or severely diseased or save a tooth that looks questionable. *The cost of dental radiographs is \$ 16.00 to \$ 119.00.*

### **Appointment Cancellations:**

- Kindly give 24 hours notice if you are unable to keep your dental cleaning appointment. See our "Missed Appointment/Cancellation Policy" for more details.

### **Payment of Services:**

- Payment in full is due upon completion of the surgical/dental procedure. We accept the following forms of payment: Cash, Check (with valid CO ID), Visa, Mastercard, AMEX, Discover, Care Credit. Payment plans are not accepted.