

Patient Name: _____ **Account number:** _____

Dental Cleaning Release Form

A basic dental cleaning includes the following:

1. Anesthesia.
2. An antibiotic injection.
3. Ultrasonic scaling above gum line.
4. Hand scaling below gum line.
5. Dental polishing.
6. Daily hospitalization.

Cost \$230.00 (cats) - \$235.00 (dogs) Initials _____

Teeth that need to be extracted are usually either 1) loose or 2) infected. The purpose of dental care for pets is to help them retain as many teeth as possible. However, if your pet has loose or infected teeth they should be extracted for health reasons.

1. **Loose Teeth**: Teeth that are loose have pockets between the tooth and the gum that holds food particles. Bacteria grows in the decomposing food. Every time the animal chews, bacteria is showered into the bloodstream. This creates increased risk of heart and lung disease and puts a continual strain on the immune system.
2. **Infected Teeth**: These teeth have abscesses at the root of the tooth. As this abscess enlarges it erodes the surrounding bone of the jaw causing the adjacent jawbone and adjacent teeth to also become weakened and infected.

PLEASE SIGN ONLY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

*I give the doctor permission to pull any teeth that are loose or infected and that present a health risk. Initials _____
(NOTE: If a major extraction is performed we will be giving your pet a pain injection to keep him/her comfortable. There will be an additional charge of \$58 for this.)

OR

I understand loose and infected teeth present a health risk but I do not want these teeth to be pulled. Initials _____
(Please be aware that some teeth may be so loose that they may just fall out when scaled to remove the tartar.)

*Major extractions (teeth we need to drill to remove) are \$100 each. Minor extractions run from \$35 to \$50 depending on difficulty and time spent on removing them.

Dental X-Rays. These are recommended when there is a question as to whether or not a tooth is abscessed. The x-ray shows when the root of the tooth is infected. Cost: \$56.00 per x-ray.*

OKAY for Dental X-ray(s) Initials _____

Full Mouth Dental X-rays: Dental x-rays are the only way to evaluate the tooth root, inside of the tooth, and surrounding bone. Full mouth dental x-rays can be taken at your request for \$225.

I would like full-mouth screening dental x-rays on my pet. Initials _____

*If your pet needs a dental x-ray we will call you for permission unless you give us permission ahead of time. If we cannot reach you we will not be able to proceed with the recommended procedures. Please indicate where you will be able to be reached between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., as well as during the lunch hour. Please let our receptionist know if you would like to give us permission for dental x-rays ahead of time.

Daytime Phone # _____

Cell Phone # _____