

# Post-Dental Home Care Instructions

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YOUR PET HAS BEEN SEEN TODAY FOR A DENTAL PROCEDURE AND NEEDS SPECIFIC CARE TO PREVENT COMPLICATIONS. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT THESE DIRECTIONS ARE FOLLOWED.

## EXTRACTIONS

Your pet had \_\_\_\_\_ extraction(s) and will need to eat soft food until the recheck appointment with Dr. \_\_\_\_\_.

Your pet also needs to avoid chewing on any hard toys or treats until fully healed.

You may notice a small amount of blood-tinged drool or blood in the water bowl for a few days, this is normal after extractions. If you notice continuous bleeding or bloody drool for more than 2-3 days, please let us know.

## MEDICATIONS

Your pet is being sent home with the following medications:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ BEGIN THIS MEDICATION \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_ BEGIN THIS MEDICATION \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_ BEGIN THIS MEDICATION \_\_\_\_\_

Please follow label instructions on any additional medications we send home.

Continue any pain medication as instructed on the label, even if you feel that she is not in pain. (Many animals hide their discomfort). If your pet still acts painful, please contact us.

## FEEDING

When you get your pet home tonight wait until 7:00pm and give a small amount of water. If that is kept down you can give a small amount of food (up to ½ of the normal amount). You can offer softened kibble (soaked in water) or canned food. Some pets are nauseated after anesthesia, so if your pet vomits, do not feed again until the morning. If not interested in food by tomorrow, please call and speak with the doctor.

Your pet can have a normal amount of food starting tomorrow.

## POST-ANESTHESIA

Many animals will whine and seem restless the first night after undergoing anesthesia, in most cases this is a normal side effect. Anesthesia can also make some pets confused, disoriented and slightly unsteady for a few hours. A slight, dry cough for a day or two is expected because of irritation from the endotracheal tube. If the cough is wet or productive, please let us know.

It is not unusual for defecation to be delayed for 24-36 hours due to the effects of anesthetics.

A slight increase in urination for the first day is common because of fluids that were administered.

## RECHECK

Your pet will need a recheck appointment in \_\_\_\_\_ days with Dr. \_\_\_\_\_.

## EMERGENCY CARE

Please contact us regarding any questions or concerns. If you are unable to reach us please call Animal Emergency Center (884-3433) at any time.

The symptoms we consider an emergency are:

- \*Uncontrolled bleeding from surgical site
- \*White gums
- \*Temperature over 104
- \*Depression or unresponsive behavior

**\*\*\*Please remove the bandage on your pet's \_\_\_\_\_ front arm in 20-30 minutes. This is where the intravenous catheter was placed and leaving the bandage on for any longer may cause complications\*\*\***

Do not hesitate to call with any questions or concerns. Thank you for entrusting us with the care of your pet.