

# Welcome!

**Thank you for choosing Veterinary Dental Solutions** for your pet's oral care needs. Here are a few tips and some answers to questions you may have. Please contact us at **616-842-7011** with any additional queries.

**PLEASE NOTE: We give your pet our absolute attention before, during and after the procedure and appreciate your patience. Often we discover disease that requires additional treatment during the procedure. While most patients are discharged between 3 and 5 p.m., a specific time cannot be assured.**

## Pre-anesthesia testing

The number one concern among owners regards their pet's response to anesthesia. That is why we recommend **all pets** undergo pre-anesthesia testing and **require** testing for **all pets who display evidence of disease** and those who are **over age 6**. Additionally, we **require** a CBC, serology and chest X-rays for pets with prior cardiac disease. Complete pre-anesthetic testing prior to the procedure is vital and prior testing will shorten the duration of time spent at the clinic. Testing can be conducted at VDS or your veterinarian's office within three months of the surgery.

## Before the procedure

For their safety pets must not be fed the day of their procedure and should not be given water within two hours of their scheduled appointment. Rabbits are the only exception. Please arrive 15 minutes before your appointment. You are welcome to bring a favorite blanket or stuffed toy for your pet.

## Day of surgery oral consultation

Your pet will be examined on arrival to determine if there is any obvious anesthetic risk. We will explain what the procedure will entail and provide you with a pre-anesthetic estimate based on the exam.

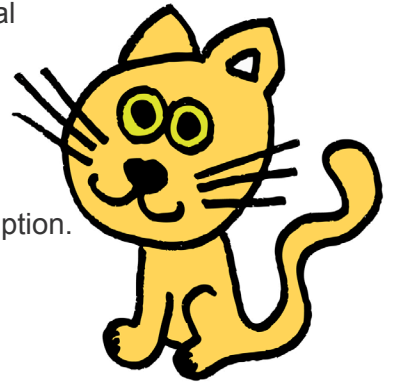
## Before and during the procedure

A pre-anesthesia sedative will be administered and an intravenous catheter will be placed. We will also position an endotracheal tube to administer inhalant anesthesia and oxygen. Anesthesia will be monitored constantly throughout the procedure.

Your pet will rest on a forced-air, heated water pad and be covered with warm blankets. Throughout the procedure we will monitor cardiac function and conduct an electrocardiogram to determine heart rate and rhythm. We will also check oxygenation of the blood as well as lung function, blood pressure and temperature and record that data every three minutes. IV fluids will be administered continuously to ensure hydration and aid recovery.

## A VERY important note

During the procedure we will conduct a complete oral cleaning, scaling, polishing and evaluation of each tooth and shoot full mouth X-rays. At this stage Dr. Moore will call you. It is **VITAL** you are available. We will discuss our findings and provide you an updated estimate and an approximate discharge time.



**Thank you for choosing Veterinary Dental Solutions at Harborfront Hospital for Animals, 616-842-7011.**