

Wayside Animal Hospital

Dental Care Plan

Comprehensive Dental Package

Our Comprehensive Dental Package includes the following: Complete Oral Exam, Dental Cleaning, Anesthesia, a 24 hour pain injection, Dental radiographs, IV catheter with fluids and pain medication to go home if needed.

During the cleaning excessive tartar is removed from the teeth and the teeth are polished. During the procedure, the gums are also probed to detect any deep pockets around the base of the teeth, which can contribute to eventual tooth loss.

The dental radiographs help the doctor detect any issues that we are not able to see below the gum line such as bone loss and the best course of tooth removal if necessary.

The IV catheter and fluids allow us to keep our pet's blood pressure and body temperature regulated while under anesthesia. A catheter is placed in a front leg, before anesthetic medications are given to the patient. This helps to insure a direct route for emergency drugs in case there are any complications, such as slow heart rate, while under anesthesia. We will have to shave a small portion on the leg to place the catheter.

Pre-Anesthetic Blood Work

Pets under 7 years of age (Recommended)

Pets 7 years of age and older (Required)

We require senior patients (those 7 years and older) that have not had blood work done in the past six months to have pre-anesthetic blood work. This checks liver and kidney function as well as a complete blood count and allows us to see if they will be able to process anesthesia properly. Blood work is recommended for younger patients as well but is not required.

Extraction Time

Teeth with severe fracture, abscesses, excessive bone loss, or resorptive lesions (cats) will need to be extracted. It is not uncommon to have teeth that need to be extracted, especially in small breed dogs, some cats, and pets who have not had a dental cleaning in over a year. Pets with severe dental disease or cats with stomatitis can have extraction times up to two hours.

Estimated Extractions by Grade of Dental Disease*

Grade 1: Usually no extractions

Grade 2: Average 2 extractions and up to 15 minutes; however can range from 0-14 teeth extracted with extraction time of up to 1 hour

Grade 3: Average 10 extractions and up to 45 minutes; however can range from 1-23 teeth extracted with extraction time of 15 minutes to 1 hour.

Grade 4: Average 15 extractions and up to 60 minutes; however can range from 6-42 teeth extracted with extraction time of 15 minutes to 2 hours.

**These are estimated extraction times and each pet may vary with their own individual needs.*