

OAKLAWN ANIMAL HOSPITAL, INC.  
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Client \_\_\_\_\_ Patient \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**DENTAL PROPHYLAXIS**

Dental prophylaxis involves the removal of tartar build up from teeth. Once the tartar is removed, the teeth are scaled above and below the gingival line. Dental radiographs are then preformed to evaluate each individual root. At this point the doctor is better able to evaluate the health of each root. If there are any unhealthy teeth they will be extracted. Extractions may be performed due to the following circumstances: bone loss around the root(s), periodontal pocket(s), slab fracture(s), exposed root pulp, feline resorption lesions, and sensitivity. If your pet requires extractions, absorbable suture material is often used to close the extraction. (On *exceedingly* rare occasions, due to the severity of the periodontal disease and secondary bone loss in the jaw, a fracture of the jaw may occur during the extraction process.) The teeth are then polished and treated with fluoride. **A complimentary appointment will be scheduled one week after the procedure.** At this time we will recheck any extraction site(s) and set up a home care routine to prevent bacteria and plaque buildup.

All animals undergoing general anesthesia require an overnight fast and a full day of hospitalization. Postoperative care includes restricted exercise for 3-5 days, daily visual checks of the mouth, and feeding soft food for 7-10 days. If your pet is not accustomed to eating canned food, soaking dry food in warm water for a short time will soften the kibble.

Postsurgical complications are rare and may include, but are not limited to, reaction to the suture material, infection and oro-nasal fistulas. Please notify the office if your pet is unwilling to eat, excessively pawing or rubbing at its face, or excessively drooling. A slight blood tinged drool can be normal for the first few hours.

Before performing any procedure requiring anesthesia, blood work will be run to confirm you pet's overall health. This will also reveal certain health conditions that could put your pet at risk. If the results are abnormal, the doctor will contact you to discuss treatment options. The test results will then be part of your pet's medical record for future reference.

A leg is shaved for an intravenous catheter that is placed prior to surgery for direct access to the vein in the event of any complications. Intravenous fluids are also given during surgery to support normal physiologic functions. Our doctors routinely provide an injection of a 24-hour pain reliever at the time of surgery. Additional pain medication is given post-operatively for your pet to take home when your pet has extractions.

**PLEASE INITIAL ONE OF EACH OF THE FOLLOWING:**

Have you withheld food and water from your pet? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Has your pet been on any of the following prescription pain medication the last 2 days?

No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please circle which one:  
Rimadyl Metacam Deramaxx Previcox **Last time and date given:** \_\_\_\_\_

Has your pet been on any over the counter pain relievers, i.e. baby aspirin, aspirin, ascriptin, etc., or any steroids, i.e. prednisone, prednisolone, dexamethasone, etc. in the last 7 days?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ (If yes, they should have been stopped 7 days prior to surgery due to the effects on your pet's platelets, which allow blood to clot. There may be also adverse gastro-intestinal effects that can occur when in combination with our pre-surgical medications and pain medications going home with your pet.)  
NO \_\_\_\_\_

**I authorize that any additional extractions not included on the estimate will be performed based on the doctor's recommendation after the full anesthetized oral exam is completed.**

YES \_\_\_\_\_  
NO \_\_\_\_\_ if you would like us to contact you before extractions and we are unable to reach you, we will not proceed with the needed extractions. We will then recommend them to be performed at a later date requiring another anesthetic event.

**Your pet will be checked for fleas while here. For the protection of all pets in hospital if your pet has fleas he/she will be treated with Capstar. Capstar is a fast acting flea treatment that will not interfere with any other flea treatment you may be using. There will be an additional charge of \$5.00 if your pet is treated.**

**PLEASE READ AND SIGN BELOW**

I, the undersigned owner or agent of the pet named above, certify that **I am 18 years of age or older** and authorize the veterinarians of Oaklawn Animal Hospital to treat or perform needed procedures on my animal. You are to use all reasonable precautions against pain, injury, or escape of my animal. You will not be held liable or responsible in any manner for unforeseen incidents or accidents caused by the care, treatment, or safekeeping of my pet. It is thoroughly understood that I assume all risks, and that some risks always exist with anesthesia. As with any general anesthetic procedure there is a slight risk of an Idiopathic (unknown cause) Anesthetic Reaction (IAR) which in rare cases can be serious and can result in death. IAR is thought to be a cardiac hypersensitivity when given the anesthetic as its accepted and standard dosage. IAR has no predisposing factors, does not appear to favor one breed or species over the other. It is not revealed in standard screening tests thus making it impossible to predict in advance.

**Financial responsibility for services are due at time of discharge.** I also understand that Oaklawn Animal Hospital, INC. is not staffed 24 hours a day and after hour treatment of patients is at the discretion of the veterinarian.

While I accept that all procedures will be performed to the best abilities of the staff at this hospital, I understand that no guarantee or warranty has been made regarding the results that may be achieved. My signature on this form indicates that any questions I have regarding the following issues have been answered to my satisfaction:

- **The reasonable medical and/or surgical treatment options for my pet**
- **Sufficient details of the procedure to understand what will be performed**
- **How fully my pet will recover and how long it will take**
- **The estimate of the fees for all services**

**Following anesthesia of your pet today please be aware of the following:**

- Most animals will be up and easily walking at the time of discharge, but all animals are different and some may take longer to recover.
- Your pet may need to urinate or defecate very soon after returning from anesthesia.
- Your pet may need some assistance getting in and out of your car.
- Your pet will remain slightly sedated for up to 8 hours. Please allow your pet to sleep in a safe place away from children and other pets. (Keep your pet away from children until he is she is acting like him or herself.)
- If your pet falls asleep and you need to waken him or her, DO NOT nudge or push your pet; instead clap your hands or make a noise to rouse your pet before touching him or her.
- Sedated pets may react aggressively if startled so make sure your pet is alert and aware before touching him or her.
- Your pet may drink normally and eat small amounts upon arriving home.

**SIGNATURE OF OWNER/AGENT \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_**

**PRINT NAME \_\_\_\_\_**

**PHONE NUMBER(S) WHERE I CAN BE REACHED \_\_\_\_\_**