

Dental Treatment at the Veterinary Health Centre



First of all, don't worry - dental treatment at the Veterinary Health Centre is a very routine procedure. We will do all we can to make it easy for you and your cat.

We begin the gentle anaesthetic by giving a tiny injection. The patient relaxes peacefully and in about 10 minutes is asleep in light anaesthesia. An analgesic is given to prevent any discomfort on recovery. A pulse oximeter is used to monitor heart rate and oxygen levels in the blood.

Then we sort out any dental problems. We remove all hardened tartar, and polish the enamel to reduce plaque formation in the future. We do all we can to preserve the teeth, but any loose, or decayed teeth will be removed. Antibiotics to clear infection will be used as necessary. All patients receive effective pain relief medication as required. Older cats or those with kidney problems or active infection may need fluid therapy (I/V) during the procedure. **It doesn't take very long.** We need your cat at the surgery for just a few hours. Admission 8.30am - 9.00am, discharge 3.00pm - 5.30pm.

A ROUTINE BLOOD TEST is recommended at the time of any anaesthetic to check for any hidden problems that might interfere with healing during recovery. Our in-house laboratory gives us results within the hour.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO STAY WITH YOUR CAT while the anaesthetic is given, or during recovery you are most welcome. Please tell the receptionist you would like to stay with your pet as you fix your pet's dental appointment. There is a charge for this service.

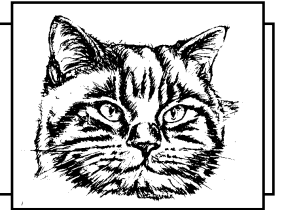
OTHER MINOR MEDICAL PROBLEMS such as cysts, warts, small growths etc. can be dealt with at the same time. (ask for an estimate)

✓ **Pet Health Insurance** will normally cover dental problems such as gingivitis, dental caries and extractions. It may not cover routine dentals where there is no medical condition. If in doubt, ask the vet.

Name

Date

Your Cat's Dental Assessment



- HEALTHY MOUTH** - Teeth clean and undamaged. Gums healthy. No gingivitis. No other mouth problems.
Regular dental de-scaling and polishing under anaesthetic every 2 - 3 years will keep the teeth in good order..
- SIGNIFICANT DENTAL PROBLEMS**
 - Significant tartar. Receding gums. Mouth smell. Gingivitis. Bleeding gums.
 - Pain. Exposed roots. Root infection. Loose or broken teeth, Erosions.
 - Retained milk teeth require extraction to protect neighbouring adult teeth.
Requires anaesthetic, de-scale, polishing and possible extractions.
- SERIOUS DENTAL PROBLEMS**
 - Extensive tartar. Severe gingivitis, Gum necrosis, Loose or broken teeth,
 - Halitosis, Gum hyperplasia or oral tumours, Stomatitis.
Requires anaesthetic, de-scale, polishing and multiple extractions.
 - *Some dental problems cannot be detected until the mouth is examined under anaesthetic. Costs vary with the treatment required*

(1) ROUTINE DENTAL HYGIENE	£110.00*
Regular descale and polish	
(2) UP TO 15 EXTRACTIONS (incisors and premolars)	£155.00*
+ descale and polish	
(3) UP TO 15 EXTRACTIONS (canines and molars)	£172.00*
+ descale and polish	
(4) OVER 15 EXTRACTIONS (any teeth) + D&P	£192.00*
Pre-anaesthetic blood tests (recommended / essential)	£90.00
Cats over 7 years old require i/v fluid infusion	£35.00 - £45.00
<i>*These fees include a 5min. check-up consultation (within 3 days). They do not include medication used or supplied. All fees inc. VAT.</i>	

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