



# Comprehensive Oral Health Assessment and Treatment

## Acredale Animal Hospital

### A comprehensive dental exam and cleaning has been recommended for your pet.

This procedure is similar to what you may expect at your dentist and includes: scaling to clean tartar from the teeth, full dental radiographs to assess tooth roots, a thorough examination, and polishing with fluoride application. Anesthesia is necessary to allow meticulous cleaning by the veterinary technician and a detailed exam with the veterinarian. You will be contacted following your pet's oral exam and radiograph review to discuss a treatment plan for any abnormalities found. You will also be provided with an update following your pet's recovery from anesthesia.

### Estimates/ Budgeting:

We would like to be able to provide you with a definitive estimate for this procedure ahead of time; however, this is difficult because we are unable to fully assess your pet's oral health without anesthesia. Instead, the veterinarian will provide you with an estimate range based on the level of care they expect your pet may need. We encourage early intervention in order to keep your pet healthier, and prevent the need for an expensive procedure in which your pet will need to remain under anesthesia longer.

**Base Cost\*:** Dogs: \$550  
Cats: \$500

*\*This includes everything associated with procedure: pre-surgical lab work (if sent to lab ahead of time), IV catheter and fluids, anesthesia, dental scaling and polishing, full mouth dental radiographs, and complete oral exam.*

Extraction packages\*\* are as follows:

- Oral Surgery Package A: **1-4 extractions: additional \$275**
- Oral Surgery Package B: **5-9 extractions: additional \$588**
- Oral Surgery Package C: **10+ extractions: additional \$800**
- Maxillary Canine: Package **A, B, or C +additional \$118 each**
- Mandibular Canine: Package **A, B, or C +additional \$176 each**

*\*\* These packages include local anesthetic blocks, suture, and pain medication.*

We understand that the unknowns about what may be found in your pet's mouth may make it harder for you to budget for the procedure. Therefore, we accept care credit in order to allow interest free financing for unexpected expenses.

### Next Steps/How to Prepare:

- ✓ **Request to be added to the dental list.** Currently, due to high demand- there may be a 2-4 month wait before your pet is scheduled. Therefore, it is best to add to the list at the time a dental is recommended.

There will generally be a delay between your placement on the list and the call to schedule the procedure. We will typically call a few weeks prior to the date we have available to schedule your pet. If you have any scheduling restrictions (ie only available on Friday) – please let us know when adding to the list. Also, please inform us if your schedule is flexible, and you are available to be worked in when we have a cancellation. This will help us choose a date that will likely work for you.

- ✓ **Ensure your pet's vaccines have been updated.** We require the following to help decrease risks of infection acquired while hospitalized.

- Cats: FVRCP, Rabies Vaccine
- Dogs: DHPPV, Rabies Vaccine, Bordetella, Canine Influenza

If your pets vaccines are not up to date, please have them updated a minimum of 2 weeks prior to your scheduled dental appointment.

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- ✓ **Ensure your pet's annual exam is up to date.** If your pet has not been examined within the past year, you will need to make an appointment prior to the day of the procedure.
- ✓ **Blood work is Included in our dental pricing** to screen for any abnormalities that may affect how your pet is able to process the anesthetic gas and pain medications. Ideally, this is done **1-2 weeks prior** to the dental procedure, to allow time for a comprehensive screening to be sent to our reference laboratory. This also allows us to identify potential problems that may postpone the dental prior to the day it is scheduled. If you are unable to come prior to your appointment, a brief panel can be done in-house the morning of the dental procedure, however this will be an added cost.
- ✓ **Do not feed your pet after 12 am** the night before the procedure. An empty stomach is important to help prevent regurgitation/ nausea and aspiration pneumonia.
- ✓ **If you need to cancel:** Please do so as far in advance as possible to allow us to accommodate another patient. This will allow us to reduce overall wait times for dental appointments.

***We look forward to providing your pet with a clean, healthy smile!***  
*Please let us know if you have any additional questions, or concerns.*

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