



Canine Dental Estimate

Your veterinarian has recommended that your companion have a dental cleaning, which may also involve dental x-rays and tooth extractions. This handout is an explanation of the dental services we provide; and an estimate of costs. Please be aware that it is very challenging to provide a specific estimate. Often periodontal disease lies below the level of the gum line, which can only be evaluated while the patient is under anesthesia. Therefore, it is very important that you are available during the procedure to discuss additional services.

Pre-Anesthetic Bloodwork allows us to screen for underlying disease such as liver and kidney disease, diabetes, anemia and dehydration. Older patients and patients with previously diagnosed illness are at a greater risk for anesthetic related complications and will require more extensive pre-anesthetic diagnostics. **Our in-house pre-anesthetic bloodscreen is performed the morning of the procedure and is appropriate for patients younger than 6 years old. The more extensive pre-anesthetic bloodscreen must be drawn a couple of days before the procedure and is appropriate for patients over 6 years old or patients with underlying health concerns.**

In-House Bloodscreen \$60

Extensive Bloodscreen \$153

Routine Cleaning

Includes: Anesthesia, scaling, polishing, oral exam, cardiovascular monitoring, intravenous fluids, and hospitalization. **\$480-\$520** (higher end includes full dental mouth x-rays)
(This price does not include bloodwork)

Cleaning with Oral Surgery

Includes: Anesthesia, scaling, polishing, oral exam, cardiovascular monitoring, dental x-rays, oral surgery, periodontal treatment, antibiotic injection, pain injection, intravenous fluids, hospitalization, and dispensed medication.

(This price does not include bloodwork)

Moderate Oral Surgery - **\$600-\$800**

Extensive Oral Surgery - **\$800-\$1300**

Cleaning and Oral Surgery for Severe Dental Disease

Cases of severe dental disease (over 60 minutes of oral surgery) will be discussed individually with your veterinarian.

Anesthesia – Although anesthesia is very safe, as in human medicine, it is not completely risk free. We minimize this risk by creating an individual anesthesia protocol for your companion based on a physical exam, age, and pre-anesthetic blood work.

We also place an IV catheter and monitor the patient very closely throughout the procedure.

Scaling/Polishing/Oral Exam – The dental technician carefully scales each tooth with our ultrasonic scaler, cleaning the tooth surface and checking for decay and lesions. The technician also performs root planning which involves removing tarter under the gum line with a special tool. When all the teeth are free of tarter and plaque, they are polished for a smooth surface. The attending veterinarian performs a full oral exam, charting each tooth and recording any abnormalities such as pockets or missing teeth.

Dental x-rays – Dental Radiographs are often necessary to fully evaluate a tooth and make treatment decisions.

Oral Surgery – Sometimes during your companion's dentistry the veterinarian finds teeth that are too decayed to be saved. In these instances the veterinarian will extract the tooth, which is a form of oral surgery.

Periodontal Treatment – A special antibiotic therapy is administered to deep pockets around teeth to stimulate healing of the gingiva.

Intravenous Catheter/Fluids – A small area of your companion's leg will be shaved for placement of the intravenous catheter. The intravenous catheter provides immediate access to a vein should medication be indicated. The intravenous fluids increases blood supply to vital organs and helps to provide a smooth and rapid recovery from anesthesia.

Injections/Pain Patch – Often when oral surgery is performed the veterinarian will administer an injection of pain medication to help the recovery process and an antibiotic injection to decrease the risk of infection. Sometimes a time-release pain medication patch will be applied to your companion if extensive oral surgery needs to be performed. This patch is a controlled substance and will need to be removed in our office 3-5 days post procedure.

A Final Note:

Most dental Procedures do not require an overnight stay. The patient is admitted between 8-8:30 am and usually is released between 4:00-6:00 pm. All patients who are anesthetized need to be fasted overnight (No food after 8pm) but they can have access to water.

If you have any questions or concerns about the procedure please call our office at (413)584-6309 and one of our dental technicians or veterinarians will be happy to talk to you.

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