



C A R O L S T R E A M
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BEFORE YOUR PET'S DENTAL CLEANING

- There is always a risk involved with anesthesia and surgery. Your pet has just undergone a complete physical exam to alert us of any possible health conditions which could increase that risk. The veterinarian has discussed a blood screen which may further alert us to any health risks.
- No food or treats of any kind are to be given after 7pm the night before the surgery. This reduces the risks of vomiting while under general anesthesia. Free access to water is advisable.
- Your pet's vaccinations need to be current to help protect him/her against any viral disease they could pick up during his/her hospital stay.
- Have your pet to the hospital between 8:00 and 8:30am the day of the procedure so that we have ample time to prepare him/her for the morning schedule. If your pet seems ill the day of the procedure, please phone the hospital as soon as possible, so we may set up an exam, and reschedule the procedure, if needed.
- Your pet will be undergoing what is called a dental cleaning. This entails the use of a scaling unit which removes hard tartar and soft plaque from the tooth surface above and below the gum line. In addition, the gums will be explored for abnormalities, and the teeth will be inspected for signs of infections, breakage, and cavities. Finally, all the teeth will be polished to reduce accumulation of plaque and tartar in the future.
- It may become necessary to perform tooth extractions of damaged teeth at the time of the cleaning. If this is unacceptable to you, please let us know at the time of admission. Any other procedures deemed advisable or necessary after admission will be discussed with you by telephone.
- We will call you soon after the procedure, to let you know of your pet's condition. We will also ask to set up a release appointment, usually after 2pm the same day.

We realize that you are concerned about the health and welfare of your pet while it is in our care, and you are more than welcome to phone the hospital to check on him or her. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you and your pet.