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### Small Animal Dental After-Care

Because your pet was sedated for this procedure, they may seem a little groggy or “drunk” for a while. They may also feel nauseous and won’t want to eat. They may also stumble or be off-balance. These are normal symptoms. Offer your pet a comfortable, warm, quiet place to rest, and the symptoms should wear off in about 24 hours. If not, give us a call.

Your dog or cat will probably have a sore mouth for the next 2-3 days. If extractions were performed, the soreness may persist for 4-5 days. You can feed your pet a small meal tonight (about ½ of normal food and water). Tomorrow you can feed a normal amount of food and water, but you may want to feed canned food for the next few days.

If extractions were performed, you may notice a small amount of bleeding from your cat or dog’s mouth or in its water dish. A small amount of bleeding may be expected following dental extractions; significant hemorrhage is NOT expected and you should contact us right away if you have any concerns.

Some animals with particularly severe periodontal disease may require having all or most of their teeth extracted. These animals usually feel much better once these painful, infected teeth have been removed. They usually need to eat canned food, but otherwise, have no problems with eating.

Some animals with evidence of severe sub gingival infection may require antibiotics for 10 days or so following their teeth cleaning. This decision is made on a case by case basis, and your pet may or may not need to go home on antibiotics.

Depending on the age of your pet and the condition of their teeth, we recommend having your pet’s teeth cleaned at least once a year.

Client’s Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Pet’s Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Breed \_\_\_\_\_

Recommended follow-up care:

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