

Dentistry (Including extractions)

Before the procedure we would ask you read this document carefully to give you (the owner) the information required for the elected procedure. Every surgical procedure that is undertaken carries accepted associated risks and complications. Although rare, we want you to be fully informed before you proceed.

Benefits to your animal include:

1. Dental cleaning (scale and polish) to remove dental plaque and tartar
2. Examination of dental disease which occurs below the gumline (periodontal probing)
3. Radiography - to evaluate the health of the jaw and the tooth roots below the gumline
4. Extractions if required

Please read the following list of complications that can result from this procedure and ask a member of staff if you have any questions or concerns. This list is not exhaustive. Should a complication arise, owners are liable for the costs associated with the complication.

1. Haemorrhage (bleeding) both during and after the procedure
2. Wound break down partial or complete if it is necessary to suture the gum
3. Infection
4. Damage to other structures such as the eye or tongue
5. Local anaesthetic nerve blocks may be used which can cause nerve and blood vessel damage
6. Damaging adult teeth when removing deciduous teeth
7. Pain
8. Fracture to the jaw bones, especially in cats and small breed dogs
9. Risk of injury on recovery post-operatively
10. Anaesthetic complication including death

We take precautions to minimise these risks to your pet.

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