



Dental Post Op

Your pet has had a full dental assessment under general anaesthetic. Any teeth with irreversible damage will have been extracted and the healthy teeth will have been given a thorough scale and polish so that they are completely clean.

1. What should you expect when your animal comes home?

Your pet may have slightly sore gums when they get home. This will be from either of two causes:

A. Dental scaling which involves the use of an ultra-sonic scaler, the tip of which vibrates breaking down the plaque formation. This will be run along the margin of the gum to ensure that all the plaque has been removed. This can cause pin-point bleeding from already inflamed gums.

B. A tooth extraction may have been performed if the tooth was showing signs of decay. In some cases this is only detected after a dental x-ray which enables us to look at the tooth roots. The pocket from where the tooth is removed will be sutured closed with dissolvable suture material. In some cases it is left open if there is only a very small hole or if there is severe gum recession resulting in inadequate gum left to suture over the hole.

Sore gums may make your pet feel uncomfortable for the first few days; however, they should be able to eat. We advise you feed your pet soft food for the first 3-4 days. It is sometimes necessary to offer your pet highly palatable food i.e., warmed chicken soup or pilchards etc. Should your pet not want to eat we advise you contact the surgery for further advice.

Your pet may dribble after dental work and on rare occasions may vomit after the anaesthetic. Saliva and vomit could contain blood from scaling or extraction procedures. A small amount of bleeding is to be expected, however if you are at all concerned, please contact the surgery for further advice.

2. My pet has been sent home on medication. What is it for?

Your pet may have been sent home with oral antibiotics. The Veterinary Surgeon will have prescribed these to help combat any bacterial infection. This course should be given as directed and all tablets must be finished. You may also have been prescribed an anti-inflammatory painkiller to help make your pet more comfortable.

If you notice excessive bleeding from the mouth, pawing at the mouth, smelly breath or excessive salivation please give us a call on 01902 766905