



**BRIGHT CROSS
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Dental Care Plan for Feline Dental Propy

Routine Dental Propy (Feline)

- Cleaning with Anesthetic.....\$116.25

This is when the veterinarian discovers excess tartar on the teeth and recommends a "teeth cleaning". With your pet under general anesthesia, this excessive tartar is removed, and the teeth are polished. During the procedure, gums are also probed to detect any deep pockets around the base of the teeth, which can contribute to eventual tooth loss. Pockets may not be obvious until the hard tartar build-up is removed from the surface of the tooth. If deep pockets are discovered, the patient is often sent home on antibiotics. A routine cleaning also is described as a mouth that does not require tooth extractions. Tooth extractions will increase the cost of the dental work. Hospitalization, cleaning, and the first ½ hour of anesthetic are included in this price; some dental work may exceed the 30 minutes and will incur additional anesthetic prices.

Pre-anesthetic blood work---\$51.80

This test is offered to every patient anytime they undergo an anesthetic procedure. The blood work is used to test the kidney and liver function of the patient to make sure the pet can metabolize the kinds of anesthetics we use.

Intravenous Catheter (I.V. catheter) and Fluid Therapy---\$39.50

I.V. Catheters are an available option and recommended your cat is 6 years of age or older. An Intravenous Catheter is placed in one of the veins, usually in a front leg, before any anesthetic medications are given to the patient. This is a precaution that helps to insure that if there are any complications during the period of anesthesia, such as a slow heart rate, that a direct route is already in place to begin the administration of emergency drugs, which need to go directly into the vein. Fluid is given into the catheter, and helps to maintain adequate blood pressure, and helps to flush the anesthetics from the body. I.V. fluids are also recommended in smaller patients.

Digital Dental Radiographs

- Extensive (Full Mouth).....\$104.00
- Partial\$57.25

Some teeth have problems that cannot be completely known unless an x-ray is taken of the tooth to show us the roots of the teeth, as well as the bone that surrounds the teeth. X-rays can be very helpful in deciding whether a problem tooth can be saved, or if it needs to be pulled out. Our goal when we clean teeth is to save the teeth your cat has, and to prevent future tooth loss.

Oral Surgery and extraction costs

- \$71.00 for each additional ½ hour of anesthetic
- \$78.00 surgeons fee for each additional ½ hour

Not all teeth are able to be saved; in some cases, extractions are necessary. Many of the teeth in a cat have multiple roots that hold the teeth firmly in place, and even in problem teeth, these can be very difficult and time-consuming to extract. Some of these teeth require surgical techniques to remove them. These could include sectioning teeth to aid in removal of individual roots, gum flaps and the removal of bone around larger tooth roots.

Antibiotics

- Antibiotic Injection - \$24.00

Antibiotics to go home

- Approx. \$24.00

Antibiotics are not usually sent home with a cat that has had a routine teeth cleaning. However, an antibiotic injection is usually given at time of surgery to help boost the body's immune response to fight the harmful bacteria that cause infections. In patients whose mouths bleed a lot during cleaning, have deep pockets, or have teeth extracted, they may be sent home with oral antibiotics to prevent infection in the mouth, as well as infection in other areas of the body such as the kidneys or the heart. This can occur because when bleeding occurs in the mouth, it creates a direct pathway for bacteria in the mouth to enter the bloodstream and travel throughout the body.

Pain Medication

- Pain Injection - \$28.00

Pain Medication to go home

- Approx. \$10.00

Pain relievers are usually not needed for routine cleanings, but if a pet has teeth extracted, a pain injection is required to immediately help the patient cope with the pain associated with this procedure. The injection lasts about 12 hours. Oral pain medication is also sent home, usually to be given for 3 days after an extraction. Canned food may also be offered if your cat appears sensitive to eating dry food for the first few days after an extraction.

OraVet

- Initial sealant applied during dental---\$16.00
- Take home kit (8 weeks)---\$25.50

A plaque prevention plastic polymer is applied after polishing to create an invisible barrier that prevents plaque and tartar-forming bacteria from attaching to the teeth. A take home kit is also recommended for (easy) weekly applications to help maintain the barrier established during the dental. This system will decrease the plaque build-up by up to 50%.

PROBLEMS ARE NOT ALWAYS OBVIOUS AND MAY BE HIDDEN BY TARTAR. DURING THE DENTAL, WE SOMETIMES UNCOVER PROBLEMS WE WERE NOT AWARE OF. THESE ARE ESTIMATES ONLY, GIVEN IN AN ATTEMPT TO HELP YOU ANTICIPATE THE POSSIBILITY OF ADDED EXPENSES THAT CAN OCCUR WITH A DENTAL CLEANING.