



**FOUR COUNTY**  
— VETERINARY SERVICES —

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## DENTAL DISCHARGE INSTRUCTIONS

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**Patient:** %patientname% %clientlastname%

**Date:** %MMMM\_dd\_yyyy%

### Restriction in Activity

- Please restrict activity this evening. Keep your pet away from stairs and jumping on and off of furniture for the first 8-12 hrs at home.

### Medications

If your pet is being sent home with medications (pain meds, antibiotics, sedatives, etc), please give them as directed. If any stomach upset or side effects occur, please call our office.

### Precautions That Should Be Observed After General Anesthesia

- Your pet may be groggy for about 12 hours after anesthesia. Therefore, it is important to assist your pet when getting into or out of automobiles, and walking and climbing up or down steps. At home, confine your pet to prevent accidents.
- Pacing, disorientation, and vocalization may occur on recovery. These signs may persist for 6-8 hours or more. Call your clinician if abnormal behavior persists.
- Food and water may be given (unless otherwise instructed by the clinician), but should be given only in small amounts for the first 6-8 hrs.
- As the anesthetic agents wear off, your pet may experience slight discomfort. If your pet is in severe pain, contact us, your veterinarian, or the emergency clinic immediately.
- It is best to restrict children from pets for 18 to 24 hours; your pet may experience residual anesthesia and possible postoperative pain.
- Do not give your pets any non prescription medications. (i.e. tylenol, advil, aspirin, etc.)
- A sore throat or cough may be caused by the endotracheal tube (tube placed down the wind-pipe for general anesthesia). This usually lasts no longer than 24 hours. If it persists, please consult your veterinarian.
- If your pet comes home with a bandage on their leg from their IV catheter, this may be removed in 2-3 hrs after coming home.

### Extractions

- If your pet had extractions, you may notice some discolored or blood tinged saliva. If this is excessive, please call our office.

- Offer small amounts of softened food for 3-5 days. This can be either canned food, or hard food wet down with warm water.
- If you feel your pet is in excessive pain please call our office.

### **Oral Care**

- Fluoride treatment has been performed on your pets teeth. This will help decrease the amount of plaque buildup going forward.
- Use continuing oral care products that have been sent home with your pet (i.e. dental chews, oral rinse, teeth brushing) to help prevent future buildup of plaque and tartar and extend your pets dental cleaning results.
- Small breeds and pets over 6 years old should have six month dental check ups to monitor dental health.

Please schedule a follow up appointment before leaving with your pet if one is needed.

**\*\*If you have questions post surgery after our normal business hours, please call (567) 228-0441 and leave a message. Dr. Kinney will return your call as soon as possible. If it is a life or death emergency and you do not immediately reach Dr. Kinney, please go to the nearest animal emergency center right away.**