

Norwalk Veterinary Medical Center Teeth Cleaning and Periodontal Therapy For Your Pet

We follow these steps for teeth cleaning and periodontal therapy that are recommended by the American Veterinary Dental Society (AVDS). Proper teeth cleaning and periodontal therapy can only be done under general anesthesia. We use isoflurane, the same type used in human hospitals. This allows for safer induction and recovery. A few days prior to the procedure, depending on the severity of your pet's oral health, you may be asked to administer antibiotics.



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1 EXAMINATION

For maximum safety, prior to anesthesia your pet will receive a physical exam as well as possible pre-dental blood tests to ensure your pet is in optimum health to receive anesthesia.

Under anesthesia the doctor will examine your pet's head and mouth as part of the dental procedure to help diagnose unidentified and unseen problems.

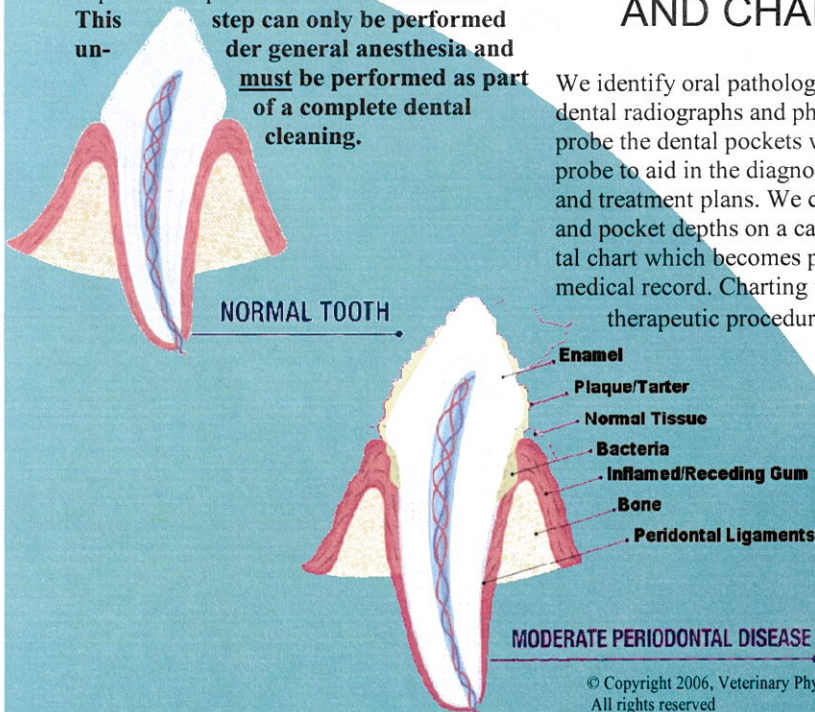
2 SUPRA-GINGIVAL SCALING

Calculus deposits will be removed with dental extraction forceps or calculus removal forceps. The tooth surfaces are then cleaned through the use of an ultrasonic power scaler and hand instrumentation as needed.

3 SUBGINGIVAL SCALING

Hand instrumentation through the use of curettes will effectively remove subgingival deposits and provide tissue debridement.

This step can only be performed under general anesthesia and must be performed as part of a complete dental cleaning.



4 EXTRACTIONS/ ORAL SURGERY IF NEEDED

If your pet's mouth requires dental extractions/oral surgery it will be preformed and charted in the record. Extractions/oral surgery is always preformed only by Dr. Hendrikson.

5 POLISHING AND LAVAGE

After ultrasonic scaling and planing, the tooth surfaces will be polished with pumice and the teeth and gingival crevices thoroughly lavaged. We rinse the hard and soft oral tissues. We clean and examine the pharyngeal area and the tongue using the air/water syringe to aid in debris removal. We apply a fluoride treatment to the teeth to seal the enamel surface.

6 IDENTIFICATION OF PATHOLOGY AND CHARTING

We identify oral pathology, and may take dental radiographs and photographs. We probe the dental pockets with a periodontal probe to aid in the diagnosis of pocket depth and treatment plans. We chart all pathology and pocket depths on a canine or feline dental chart which becomes part of your pet's medical record. Charting will also include therapeutic procedures and outcomes.



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7 HOME CARE INSTRUCTION

Dental home care refers to the procedures and applications utilized by you to provide oral hygiene for your pet. Proper oral nutrition, including the use of a specially formulated food for dental health, will also be considered. The dental technicians will instruct you on the use of the home health care product that you choose.

8 INSTRUMENT CARE

It is essential to use high quality instrumentation and properly functioning equipment. All of the instruments are ultrasound cleaned and heat sterilized for the safest possible care for your pet.

9 ADVANCED TRAINING

The success of dental/periodontal procedures is dependent on the skill and experience of the person responsible for the procedure. Dr. Hendrikson received advanced dental training at Colorado State University College of Veterinary Medicine, under Dr. Peter Emily DDS, AVDC. The technicians have completed training through CET University and other dental courses.

10 DIGITAL IMAGING

We take before and after digital images of your pet's teeth for you to see and take home.