



## Dental Discharge Instructions

### General Information:

Your pet was placed under gas anesthesia. A small tube was placed down his/her throat and can sometimes cause some irritation for a day or two. If there is persistent coughing for more than two days, let us know.

Dental prophylaxis (prophy) is the cleaning and polishing of the teeth. It is performed to treat or prevent periodontal disease. Most dogs and cats have some level of periodontal disease and are susceptible to bad breath, infection, pain and tooth loss. Infections can spread to the kidneys, liver, lungs and heart valves and continuously wear on the body.

### Extractions:

If your pet had any extractions feed soft or wet food for 7-14 days. Longer if needed. Pets with a large number of teeth extracted or all teeth extracted will need to be on a permanent soft food diet. **If your pet had any extractions no sutures to be removed, sutures will dissolve.**

### Food:

Anesthesia may cause nausea and vomiting up to 24 hours after surgery. Feed only a ¼ amount of their regular diet this evening. You can start normal feedings tomorrow. A decrease in appetite for 1-2 days may be observed, this is normal. There are sutures present in the mouth, so gums may be painful. Feeding a moistened diet will prevent further pain and complications.

### Monitor:

Check gums daily. Please notify us if you notice any of the following: frank blood, swelling, redness, drainage, bruising, foul smell, hot to the touch, or any other signs of infection. A small amount of blood along the gums is considered normal due to cleaning under the gum line.

### **Please notify us if any of the following symptoms or other problems arise:**

Not eating or drinking for more than 48 hours, vomiting and/or diarrhea,

Labored breathing, pale gums, weakness, severe pain, difficulty urinating.

Many patients may not have a bowel movement for 24- 36 hours after surgery, this is normal.

**If you have any questions or concerns following the surgery, please contact our office 520-624-5005 or email us at [azspayneuter@gmail.com](mailto:azspayneuter@gmail.com)**

### Emergency Clinics.

- Veterinary Specialty Center of Tucson, 4909 N La Canada Dr. 520.795.9955

- Southern Arizona Veterinary Specialty and ER, 7474 E Broadway Blvd. 520.888.3177

- VCA Valley Animal Hospital, 4984 E 22nd St. 520.748.0331