

While your pet is sedated we will perform a **more extensive oral exam**. We will **probe and evaluate** each tooth for the presence of dental damage or periodontal pockets. We recommend further evaluation of teeth through x-rays which will give a more complete assessment. **X-rays** will help evaluate for tooth root abscesses, fractures, non-erupted adult teeth or even cancer.

If **extractions** are needed to restore good oral health they would be done at this point. Areas of **calculus/tarter** buildup may be gently **removed** with a special instrument. An ultrasonic **scaler** is then used to further remove plaque and calculus.

After a thorough cleaning, tooth surfaces are **polished**. The tooth surfaces, especially the spaces underneath the gum line, are **rinsed** thoroughly to remove any remaining debris. **Fluoride** treatment is then placed on the teeth to help fight bacteria and strengthen tooth surfaces. At this point the dental cleaning is complete. The enamel surfaces and gum lines are clean. Nursing care and monitoring continue until your pet is awake.

Normal activity is resumed over the next day or two. However, they may avoid their chew toys for a few days, and prefer a soft diet.

Immediately after a procedure, an oral gel or solution may be recommended for general maintenance to improve your pet's oral health.

Your pets will **Thank You** for the care you're taking of their teeth and appreciate avoiding the pain and serious medical issues linked to poor dental health.



## Brentwood Family Pet Care

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Pet's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Appointment Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Appointment Time: \_\_\_\_\_

No food after 9:00pm the night before.  
No water the morning of your appointment.

You will meet with a Dental Technician the morning of your appointment.



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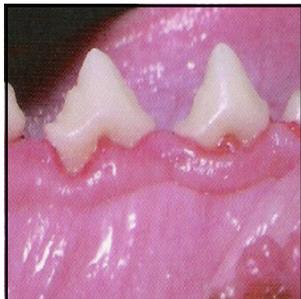
Every pet will need a dental cleaning at some point in their life. Preventive dentistry is important to maintain good health and to keep infection out of the body. Bacteria left unchecked can become systemic, spreading to numerous organs like the liver, kidneys, heart valves, lungs and has even been linked to diabetes.

Stage 1



- \*Mild Plaque and tarter on teeth
- \*Bad breath
- \*Mild gingivitis (early stage)

Stage 2



- \*Mild to moderate amount of plaque
- \*Bad breath
- \*Inflammation
- \*Swelling
- \*Gum Pain

### Home Care Options:

CET Chews  
Tooth Brush and Paste  
T/D Treats

Aquadent  
Rinse

Stage 3



- \*Severe tarter and plaque
- \*Bad breath
- \*Inflammation
- \*Pustular discharge
- \*Bleeding
- \*Gum pain and Bone pain

Stage 4



- \*Bleeding gums
- \*Loose teeth
- \*Severe bad breath
- \*Severe tarter
- \*Pus
- \*Gum and Bone pain
- \*Bone loss

### About the procedure:

A doctor will examine your pet prior to the procedure. They will perform an **oral exam** and look at the condition of the teeth. Unlike dental cleaning in people, thorough dental cleaning for pets requires that they are asleep so we can clean their teeth both above and below the gum lines safely, without any discomfort.

Depending on the age and health of your pet, **preoperative blood work** to detect underlying disease may be required. An intravenous **catheter** may be placed for administration of medication and IV fluids to maintain your pet's hydration and blood pressure. Your pet will receive a series of injections, such as antibiotics, before general anesthesia that will make them feel relaxed and comfortable. During the procedure we will constantly monitor your pet's vital signs.