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Congratulations! You have chosen to have your pet's teeth cleaned. In order to save you time when you bring your pet in for a dentistry visit, please fill out the following information and bring it with you when you come to the clinic.

- Before an animal is anesthetized for a dental, blood work is recommended. We have two different profiles that we perform. The basic kidney function blood test checks to see how the kidneys are functioning, which is often the first organ system to fail in geriatric patients; this test is done at no charge. The expanded profile will check the function and state of the kidneys as well as the liver, blood sugar levels, and hydration status; this costs an extra \$36.

With this in mind, please check one of the following:

_____ Do the Basic Kidney Function Blood Test

_____ Do the Expanded Profile

- The cost for the basic canine dental is \$170; the basic feline dental is \$145. This includes the pre-anesthetic pain medications, anesthesia, cleaning and scaling of the teeth. This price does not include the expanded profile, extractions, antibiotics, or at-home pain medications.
- Although we can examine an animal's teeth when they are awake and get an estimate of the health of the teeth, we get an even better look when the animal is anesthetized and the tartar is removed. Sometimes teeth are loose, broken or have excessive root exposure and should be removed. When teeth are loose they are painful when the animal tries to eat, just like if we have bad teeth. Usually, the animal will not eat on the broken tooth (teeth) causing tartar to build up on that tooth faster than normal. It is best to remove teeth while we have them under anesthesia the first time so they do not have to repeatedly go under anesthesia. The cost of extractions varies, depending on how long it takes to remove the teeth. Extractions are invoiced at \$150/hour. A simple extraction of a loose tooth costs \$5 to \$25 per tooth. A small tooth requiring surgical extraction cost \$15 to \$25 per tooth. A large tooth requiring surgical extraction costs \$50 to \$150 per tooth. Dental x-rays may be needed in order to determine if a tooth should be removed; the cost is \$12 per x-ray. A tooth may have a pocket around all or part of its neck or base, but does not need to be extracted. When this is the case, Doxirobe gel may be placed into the pocket to help decrease the size of the pocket over time; this cost is \$30 to \$52.

With this in mind, please check one of the following:

_____ Do whatever is necessary today (anesthesia, clean teeth, any necessary extractions, dental x-rays, Doxirobe gel, Consil)

_____ Call me before you do anything in addition to the regular teeth cleaning

_____ Do only the regular teeth cleaning today

- If any teeth are extracted, we give an injection of a pain medication during the dental. If the extractions are more intense, pain medications may also be sent home. The cost for these medications ranges from \$15 to \$45. Pain medications will help with any discomfort your pet may feel after extractions.

With this in mind, please check one of the following:

_____ Please send home pain medications as needed

_____ Do not send home pain medications

- Because we are breaking up tartar, which contains bacteria, we send home antibiotics as a precautionary measure; the cost ranges from \$10 to \$47. Antibiotics come in liquid, capsule or tablet form and are given by mouth either once or twice daily.

With this in mind, please indicate which type of antibiotic you would prefer:

_____ Liquid

_____ Tablet or Capsule

- All pets are checked for fleas as part of our check-in procedures. If fleas are found on your pet, a flea preventative will be applied to your pet while here in the hospital.

Pet is currently on the following flea preventative: _____

Thank you for taking the time to fill out this sheet prior to your pet's scheduled dental appointment. If you have any questions about this permission form, please give us a call at (269) 963-9347. Please bring this form with you when you drop off your pet.

I understand that during the performance of this procedure, unforeseen circumstances may be revealed that necessitate an extension or variance in the procedure(s) set forth. I expect Dickman Road Veterinary Clinic to use reasonable care and judgment in performing the above procedure(s). The procedure(s) and risks involved have been explained to me and I realize results cannot be guaranteed.

I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS AN ELECTIVE PROCEDURE AND PAYMENT IS EXPECTED IN FULL AT THE TIME MY PET IS RELEASED FROM THE HOSPITAL.

Signature of Owner/Agent

Telephone number where you can be reached during the day of the procedure

Pet's Name