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Additional Oral Procedures and Consent

Pets Have Teeth Too! Imagine what your teeth would be like if you did not brush them daily. The same applies to your pet's teeth. Unless you are regularly providing some form of dental care, you are neglecting an important part in the overall health of your pet.

Periodontal (gum) disease is one of the most common conditions seen by veterinarians today affecting over 80% of dogs and cats over 6 years of age. Other problems in the body can be affected by oral disease such as heart valve and kidney infections.

At **New Melle Animal Hospital**, our simple goal is to make your pet comfortable. In most cases, owners are unaware that their pet has dental problems. The pets feel pain, but usually do not communicate this to the owners. We are equipped and educated to find and treat most forms of oral disease, including many painful conditions that are frequently overlooked.

What to expect from an oral procedure:

1. Please remember to remove food from your pet after 10PM the night before the dental procedure. If you forget, we will have to reschedule.
2. General anesthesia is required for dental cleanings. Once the patient is anesthetized, we clean tartar and plaque from the teeth and evaluate the teeth and under the gum for significant disease. Dental x-rays may be needed to further evaluate problems that are discovered during the exam. Many times major problems are not evident on the gross exam we do with the patient while it is awake during the appointment prior to the procedure. **It is important that we have an accurate phone # so that we can call you to discuss what is found with the patient under anesthesia.**
3. Costs associated with additional procedures are not included in the routine dental prophylaxis pricing. Here is a guideline for possible additional costs associated with a dental cleaning:
 - Minor extraction
 - Major extractions (multi-rooted teeth)
 - Periodontal pocket treatment
 - Gingival flaps
 - Nerve blocks
 - X-rays—one or multiple views
 - Pain injection
 - Antibiotics to be sent home
 - Pain medication to be sent home

We will call for permission prior to performing these services unless you sign the line below that allows us to do what is best for your pet without calling or in the case that we cannot reach you.

➤ Please do what is best without calling (sign): _____

➤ Do not perform without permission (sign): _____

Phone # for today _____