

# Boggy Creek Animal Hospital

## Dental Procedure Release Form

Your pet has been scheduled for a dental procedure to treat dental disease. A general anesthetic is required to perform these procedures. Please read the anesthesia form for additional information.

After your pet is anesthetized, a veterinary technician will clean your pet's teeth with ultrasonic and hand scaling instruments the same way a dental hygienist cleans your teeth. Your pet's teeth will then be polished and a fluoride treatment and sealant are applied. The veterinarian will examine the teeth and gum tissue using a dental probe in the same way your dentist examines your teeth. This will help determine if further treatment is indicated. Additional treatments may include root planning, gingival (gum) therapy or surgical treatments like those provided by an oral surgeon or periodontist.

### Dental Radiographs

Dental radiographs (x-rays) are an important diagnostic tool used during the dental procedure. They allow the veterinarian to view the structures under the gum line of your pet and detect any possible defects that may require special attention. Sometimes those defects are extensive enough to require extraction of one or more teeth. While we try to limit extractions, removing the affected teeth may be in the best interests of your pet. Sometimes we are unable to accurately predict which teeth need to be extracted prior to anesthesia and x-rays; this can increase the cost of the dental procedure significantly. An updated estimate can then be given if needed.

- Yes**, I would like dental radiographs taken of my pet.
- No**, I decline dental radiographs at this time.
- Please extract** any teeth deemed necessary by the veterinarian.
- Please contact me prior to the extraction of any teeth.** I understand my pet will be under anesthesia at the time you call me and I will be available at the number below from 9 AM to 4 PM.

### Pain Medication

While we try to eliminate pain from any procedure, your pet may experience some post-operative discomfort if teeth need to be extracted. To prevent this, we give both injectable analgesics and local nerve blocks while here and oral medications to go home. Not all pets experience pain to the same degree, we will discuss these medications further on pick-up.

**Please sign and date this form. Please leave a telephone number where we can reach you.**

Pet's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Owner's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # Today \_\_\_\_\_