



Owner: _____

Pet: _____

Date of Procedure: _____

Dental Procedure Consent Form

Pre-Operative Bloodwork

Our greatest concern is the well-being of your pet. We will perform a physical examination before administering anesthesia. However, disorders of the liver, kidneys or blood are not detected unless blood testing is done. Abnormalities may increase anesthetic risk. Also establishing baseline levels of your pet is important as they age. For these reasons, we highly recommend pre-operative bloodwork.

Please initial each response.

_____ YES, please perform bloodwork on my pet. Cost \$65

_____ NO, I am declining blood testing.

Dental Procedure

Only after a professional cleaning, oral evaluation and often dental x-rays can an accurate description and treatment estimate be given for the severity of your pet's dental disease. **Please initial each response.**

Do we have your permission to professionally clean your pet's teeth?

_____ YES Cost: \$225 Minimum for dogs
\$185 Minimum for cats

_____ NO

Do we have your permission to perform dental x-rays of your pet's teeth if our veterinarians deem medically necessary? Please note, dental x-rays are required prior to any extractions or oral surgery.

_____ YES Cost: Up to \$115 for dogs
Up to \$80 for cats

_____ NO

Should x-rays reveal a bad tooth/teeth, do the veterinarians at Hart Animal Clinic have your permission perform oral surgery if deemed medically necessary?

_____ YES Cost: \$40-\$140 or more PER TOOTH

_____ NO

In order for us to work within your budget, do you have a maximum amount that you are able to afford today? If so, our veterinarians will formulate a treatment plan that works for you. This may include completing some care today and finishing the remaining portion at a later date. The doctor will discuss the treatment performed when you pick up your pet.

_____ NO, my budget is unlimited.

_____ YES, my maximum budget for today is \$ _____

If your pet is due for vaccinations, please note they are required for pets admitted to the hospital and receiving anesthesia. Please provide any vaccine history that has been done any place other than Hart Animal Clinic.

Cost: Cat or Dog Distemper (\$26) _____

Cat or Dog Rabies (\$25) _____

If both vaccines are needed (\$51) _____



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The following are optional procedures. Would you like any additional procedures performed today?

Heartworm/Tick Disease Testing (\$50) _____

Anal Gland Expression (\$24) _____

Canine Lymes Vaccination (\$45) _____

Canine Influenza Vaccination (\$40) _____

Canine Kennel Cough Vaccination (\$25) _____

Microchip Placement (\$50) _____

Feline Leukemia Vaccination (previous testing required, \$45) _____

Do you have any additional concerns you would like addressed while your pet is being seen today?

YES. If so, please explain: _____

NO _____

I hereby authorize Hart Animal Clinic to perform such diagnostic, therapeutic and surgical procedures as described above. The nature of such services has been described to me to my satisfaction and I realize that no guarantee nor warranty can ethically or professionally be made regarding the results or cure. Furthermore, I understand that during the performance of the procedure(s) that I have authorized, unforeseen conditions may arise. Therefore, I hereby consent to and authorize the performance of such procedures as are necessary in the exercise of the veterinarian's professional judgement. I also do hereby acknowledge that I understand that there are no guarantees either expressed or implied that the procedure(s) authorized will be without complications from unexpected events beyond the veterinarian's and hospital's control. I understand, and accept that when anesthesia is involved, there are always inherent risks, including death.

I also authorize the clinic staff in an emergency to follow through with such procedures as are necessary for the wellbeing of my pet on a continuing basis until further communication with me. I understand that I assume financial responsibility for all services rendered.

Owner Signature

Date

Contact Number

Oral Care Information

Did you know that approximately 80% of dogs and roughly 70% of cats over the age of 2 years old suffer from dental disease? Dental disease causes bad breath, pain, inflammation of the gums and even leads teeth to become infected below the gums or abscess.

Did you know, if left untreated, dental disease can cause problems with your pet's overall health? Bacteria from their mouth can be shed into the bloodstream over time affecting other internal organs.

Our pets do not have the ability to take themselves to the dentist for regular checkups, nor can they brush their own teeth. Those are tasks that they rely on us to perform. Just like humans, daily brushing of your pet's teeth is a great way to prevent any build up on the teeth. Also, like humans, pets do require professional cleaning from time to time. In veterinary medicine, a professional cleaning is performed in much the same way as it is in the human dentistry world. Your pet's teeth will be cleaned and polished with the same type of tools your dentist uses.

The main difference between your pet's cleaning and your teeth cleaning is the fact that we **MUST** use anesthesia for all dental procedures. Unfortunately, our pets will not patiently hold their mouth open while we clean each tooth. Any procedure that requires anesthesia has certain risks. Please know your pet is monitored very closely by the doctor and technicians in addition to being placed on monitors that record their breathing, heart rate and other vitals. If you have any concerns about your pet and anesthesia, please ask to speak to the doctor or a technician prior to the procedure.

Once the technician is done cleaning and polishing the teeth, the doctor will perform an oral assessment. It is during this assessment that any problem areas will be identified and documented. X-rays in many cases will be taken to further evaluate any issues that may be hidden beneath the gums of your pet. Approximately 60% of a tooth lies beneath the gum line, unseen by a visual exam, therefore it is extremely advantageous to perform these x-rays so the full extent of oral problems can be evaluated.

Once x-rays are complete the next step is to address any problem areas the oral exam and x-rays revealed. This involves performing dental extractions or oral surgery to remove a tooth. Dental extractions have varying degrees of difficulty. For this reason, the prices for extractions will vary. After x-rays have been completed a more accurate price may be given. However, asking the doctor to stop and call you before proceeding leads to your pet being under anesthesia longer as we try to contact you.

The dog has a total of 42 teeth and cats have a total of 30 teeth. Both cats and dogs handle extractions very well and can continue to eat after multiple extractions have been performed. Unless the doctor advises otherwise, a soft diet of moistened kibble or canned food is recommended for at least 5-7 days after any dental extractions.

If you have any questions about your pet's oral care or dental procedures, please call our office. The veterinarians and staff at Hart Animal Clinic want you to be comfortable and confident in the choices you make in regard to your pet's treatment.