

BIRCH LAKE

— ANIMAL HOSPITAL —

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Dental Discharge Instructions

Congratulations! You have just invested in the future health and wellbeing of your pet with a professional dental cleaning. Pets suffer from the same dental disease as humans when their teeth are not professionally cleaned. Poor dental care is directly linked to liver, kidney and heart disease along with diabetes.

During the cleaning, scaling and polishing your pet was under general anesthesia, he or she may be quiet or sleepy for the rest of the day. This is completely normal. Keep them in a confined area away from stairs. When you let them out to urinate/defecate, please stay with them and observe to ensure they don't stumble, bump, or hurt themselves.

Feeding:

Offer a small amount of food later this evening. Water or ice cubes are fine. Stop all water and food for the remainder of the day if your pet vomits. Feed softer foods for the next couple of days, or moisten food with water. Watch your pet's appetite, it may be decreased for a few days after surgery. If a decrease in appetite persists for more than two days, please call the hospital.

What to Expect:

Your pet's mouth may be a little tender for the next couple of days. You may see some bleeding if there were any extractions. If antibiotics and/or pain medications were prescribed, please use as directed.

Consider cleaning your pet's teeth weekly with a soft child's toothbrush and a pet toothpaste. You can substitute gauze or a washcloth for the toothbrush. Pay primary attention to the outside surfaces of your pet's teeth.

Do not give your pet any pain relievers such as Aspirin, Ibuprofen, Tylenol. These drugs may be toxic.

Questions or Concerns:

If you have any questions or concerns or if your pet seems to be experiencing pro-longed pain or discomfort, please contact us at 651-426-2246