

NEW FOREST VETERINARY DENTAL SERVICE

REFERRAL VETERINARY DENTISTRY AND ORAL SURGERY

Discharge information

Thank you for using New Forest Veterinary Dental Service for the treatment of your pet. Your pet will have had their treatment under a general anaesthetic today and these are some post-operative guidelines for their on-going care:

- You may notice that your pet is sleepy for the next 24-48 hours due to the anaesthetic, so we would ask you to provide them with plenty of tender loving care! Please ensure that they have some short walks during this period, on a lead, to make sure they can go to the toilet, but so that they also have plenty of time to recover. If you are worried regarding your pet's recovery from the anaesthetic then please don't hesitate to contact either your own veterinary surgeon or ourselves for further advice. Please give your pet a small, light meal on the evening of the procedure. Please keep cats indoors for the first 5 days after treatment.

Your pet will have also had treatment for oral disease and there are some specific requests that we would make for their post-operative care:

- You may notice some blood in your pet's saliva over the next few days. So long as this is only a small amount then there is no need to contact us, just allow them access to water to keep their mouth clean. If you are concerned about any bleeding however then please contact either your own veterinary surgeon or ourselves for further advice.
- Your pet has sutures within their mouth. These will take 2-3 weeks to dissolve out and they do not need to be removed. We use fine sutures for your pet's comfort, but this means they are also very delicate. Therefore we would ask that you feed your pet only soft (tinned) food for the next 10-14 days with no dry or kibble food available, to protect the sutures and the surgical repair. We would also ask that you prevent them from chewing on other objects such as toys, sticks and stones during this period as this may also damage the sutures.
- Your pet has had root canal treatment to treat a fractured or devitalised tooth. This treatment will allow them to eat normally post-operatively, so we would ask you to just feed them a small, light meal on the evening of their procedure and then they can have their normal food after this. We would ask that you regularly check (once a week) your pet's treated tooth/teeth to ensure that the restoration doesn't become damaged. If it does, then please contact us for a follow up appointment. We will need to recheck your pet's tooth under general anaesthetic **6 months** after the initial treatment, and we will contact you to arrange that appointment.
- Your pet has an orthodontic appliance fitted. You will be given specific instructions regarding the care of these but they must be kept as clean as possible and you must notify us as soon as possible if you notice any damage to them.

We trust you have had a good experience using our service, but if there are any ways in which we could improve it, then please let one of us know. Your opinions are important to us.

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