

# Aftercare - Dental procedure

## Dental procedure

Your dog or cat has had a dental treatment under a general anaesthetic where their teeth were examined in detail, scaled and polished. If your pet has had any teeth extracted in addition to the teeth cleaning, then you must take extra care to ensure the wound heals correctly.

## Medication

Pets who have undergone a tooth extraction will likely have been administered an anti-inflammatory injection for pain relief. We may also provide you with additional medication for ongoing pain relief at home.

Provide your pet with any medication exactly as we have prescribed and contact us immediately if you have trouble feeding your pet the medicine.

## Rest and exercise

Make sure you have a comfortable and quiet area prepared as your pet will likely want to rest when they return home. The anaesthetic typically wears off after a few hours though it can last overnight. If your pet is still drowsy and sedate longer than 24 hours after the procedure, contact us for advice. Do not hesitate to call earlier if you are concerned.

## Food and water

If no teeth were extracted, your dog or cat can be fed their typical amount of food and water though they may experience a lack of appetite until the anaesthetic wears off.

For pets that underwent a tooth extraction, please only feed them chunky meat or soft food for the next 7-10 days. Do not feed them any dry food, bones, rawhide or give them any chew toys as these will damage or even tear any sutures we may have placed in your pet's mouth. If your pet is not eating, is rubbing at their mouth or showing other signs of pain in the first few days after the surgery, please get in touch with us.

## Dental disease prevention

This dental procedure will remove the current buildup of plaque and tartar on your dog or cat's teeth. To prevent more plaque from accumulating on your pet's teeth in the future, ask us for advice on implementing a dental home care routine. This may involve regularly brushing your pet's teeth, feeding them dental treats or specially formulated dental foods which promote good teeth hygiene by assisting with plaque reduction.

## Call us immediately for advice if:

- you notice swelling or bleeding around the wound area
- your dog or cat is not responding to treatment as you feel they should be
- you have any concerns about your pet's health at all

**If you feel you need EMERGENCY help, please go to the nearest animal emergency center.**

<b>Veterinary Referral Hospital</b> <b>36 Lonsdale St, Dandenong VIC 3175</b> ☎ 1300 385 874	<b>Casey Pet Emergency</b> <b>4/471 Princes Hwy, Narre Warren VIC 3805</b> ☎ (03) 8790 1625
<b>Peninsula Vet Emergency &amp; Referral Hospital</b> <b>Factory 2/161 Mornington-Tyabb Rd, Mornington</b> <b>VIC 3931</b> ☎ (03) 5979 9600	<b>Animal Emergency Centre - Frankston</b> <b>39 McMahons Rd, Frankston VIC 3199</b> ☎ (03) 9770 5555

If you seek emergency medical care, please note that Meow and Friends Community Vets are not financially responsible.