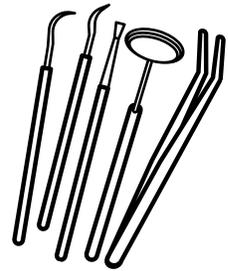


Post-Operative Care Instructions for Your Dog's Dental Cleaning



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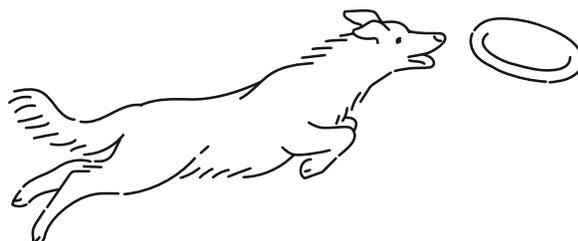
Thank you for trusting us with your pet's dental care. We understand how important your dog's health is to you, and we are committed to helping them recover smoothly after their procedure. Below, you'll find detailed post-operative care instructions for your dog following their dental cleaning under anesthesia.

General Recovery Guidelines

- Monitor for Anesthesia Effects:** Your dog may still be groggy or disoriented after the anesthesia. This is normal, and they should fully regain their senses within 24-48 hours.
- Provide a Quiet Recovery Space:** Place your dog in a calm, comfortable area away from loud noises or other pets to help them rest and recover.
- Restrict Activity:** Limit your dog's activity for the first 24-48 hours. Avoid vigorous exercise or jumping to reduce the risk of injury while they are still under the effects of anesthesia .
- Offer Water First:** After coming home, offer your dog small amounts of water. If they drink well and seem comfortable, you can gradually offer small amounts of food.
- Monitor for Adverse Reactions:** Watch for any signs of unusual behavior such as excessive lethargy, vomiting, or difficulty breathing. If you notice anything concerning, please contact us immediately.

Dental Care at Home

- Feeding:** For at least the first 24-48 hours, offer soft, easy-to-eat foods (e.g., canned food or moistened kibble). Avoid hard treats or bones until your dog's mouth has fully healed.
- Brushing Teeth:** Do not attempt to brush your dog's teeth for at least 10 days after the procedure. Once healed, regular brushing can help maintain good oral hygiene and prevent future dental issues.



•**Chewing Restrictions:** Avoid giving your dog hard toys, chews, or bones for at least 7-10 days to prevent damage to their teeth or gums while healing.

Signs to Watch For

•**Excessive Drooling or Bleeding:** A small amount of drooling, bloody discharge, or pinkish saliva is normal right after the cleaning. However, persistent bleeding or severe swelling may require veterinary attention so please call if you notice any of these symptoms.

•**Pain:** Some discomfort is to be expected after a dental procedure. If your dog seems in pain (e.g., excessive pawing at their mouth, reluctance to eat or drink), please let us know.

•**Difficulty Eating or Drinking:** If your dog is not eating or drinking after 24 hours, please contact us.

Medications

•If we prescribed any pain medications or antibiotics, please administer them as directed. Be sure to complete the full course of any prescribed medication, even if your dog seems to be feeling better.

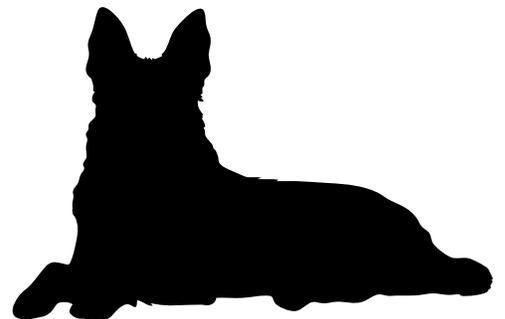
Follow-Up Care

•**Check-up Appointment:** We do not typically need to schedule any follow-up appointments after a dental procedure but if you have concerns about your dog's healing process please give us a call.

When to Contact Us

If you have any concerns or notice any of the following symptoms, please contact us immediately at **207-797-4747** or **westbrookah@gmail.com**:

- Severe bleeding or swelling that does not subside
- Ongoing vomiting or diarrhea



- Difficulty breathing or other signs of distress
- Any other significant change in your pet's behavior

We are here to ensure your dog's recovery is as smooth as possible. If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to reach out to us. Thank you for choosing Westbrook Animal Hospital!

Warm regards,

The Westbrook Animal Hospital Team

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