

Pre-anesthetic Lab Work: A blood panel and urinalysis gives us a metabolic picture of your pet's health. It can alert us to an underlying disease that may affect your pet's ability to handle anesthetic drugs. We always tailor the medications, anesthesia protocol, and IV fluid rate to your pet's specific needs.

OraVet: This is a plaque prevention gel that we apply once after the COHAT. Then, at home you continue with once weekly applications for dental care. It is compatible with tooth brushing, dental diets, and dental chews. It is a good option for a pet who will allow his/her owners to access his/her mouth. This enamel coating compound is also available in a daily chew.

Price Range (Low to High): It is difficult to perform a thorough oral exam on a patient who is awake; we usually get one quick peek. After your pet is anesthetized, we may find more diseased teeth than originally anticipated. The estimate range allows for differences in extraction difficulty and time due to unforeseen tooth abnormalities.

Then your furry friend finishes with a healthy mouth!



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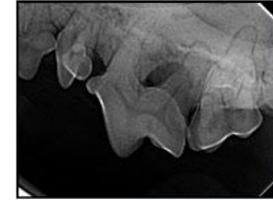
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Logistics: Before the procedure, your pet should be fasted. This means dinner the night before is okay, but no food that morning (water is okay). Drop off time is between 8:00 and 8:30am. Please allow 15 minutes for check-in. Your pet stays with us for the day, and we schedule a pick up appointment for that afternoon. At that time, the doctor will answer any question as well as discuss aftercare.

We hope we have answered your questions! A COHAT can benefit a pet of any age. If you are concerned about putting your pet under anesthesia, please ask your veterinarian to discuss your concerns. With the proper precautions, medications, and monitoring, we can send your pet home even healthier!

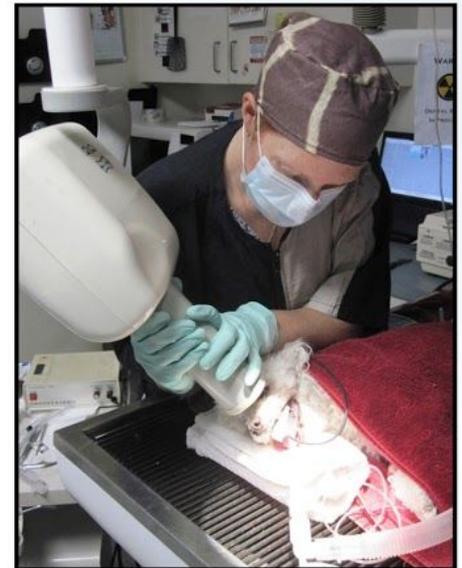
We are here for you and your furry family members!

DENTAL PROCEDURES~



DISSECTING
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ESTIMATE

An estimate can be jam packed with information that may be difficult to understand. Why do we do what we do? Most, if not all, of your dental procedure estimate questions will be answered here!



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COHAT — Comprehensive Oral Health Assessment and Treatment

Pre-Surgical Exam: When your pet arrives, the doctor performs an exam prior to starting the procedure. She will also perform a comprehensive oral exam while your pet is under anesthesia.

Pre-op. and Induction Injections: Your pet first receives an injection to aid in sedation and pre-emptive pain control, then injectable anesthetic agents for inducing anesthesia. These are a combination of drugs the doctor has chosen to cater to your pet's specific needs depending on age, overall health, and procedure type.

Dental Inhalant Anesthesia: This includes the inhaled anesthesia needed to keep your pet anesthetized throughout the procedure with superior anesthetic monitoring. Based on dental disease severity, a COHAT can be lengthy.

Dental Prophylaxis and Polishing: The process of removing dental calculus from your pet's teeth using ultrasonic and hand scaling techniques above and below the gum-line. The doctor examines the mouth for abnormal pathologies such as periodontal pockets, oral masses, and diseased teeth. Ultrasonic and hand scaling creates microscopic grooves on the teeth that

bacteria love! We polish the teeth to smooth these grooves, which decreases future calculus accumulation.



Polishing the teeth

Radiograph— Dental, Full Mouth: We take full mouth radiographs on each COHAT patient. X-rays enable the doctor to visualize and evaluate painful abnormalities that we may not be able to see above the gum-line. These include infected, decaying, or fractured tooth roots, as well as problems with the bone surrounding the teeth.



Dental Radiograph: The X-ray plate is inside mouth, and the X-ray beam comes from the tube on the left.

Dental IV Fluids: For every anesthetic procedure, we place an intravenous catheter in one leg. There will be a small shaved area in that location. This gives us immediate venous access for any necessary injections (like inducing anesthesia). We also keep your furry friend on IV fluids throughout the procedure to aid with hydration and blood pressure.

Dental Hospitalization, Half Day: There are technicians monitoring your four-legged friend before, during, and after the procedure. We are constantly observing your pet to make sure anesthesia and recovery are running smoothly.

Express Anal Glands and Nail Trim: Under anesthesia, we trim nails, express anal glands, and check ears with no additional fee. Let us know if you would not like these services performed.



Medical Waste Disposal Fee: This includes the disposal of all hazardous waste materials such as syringes and needles.

Oral Health Assessment—Canine or Feline: Every item mentioned so far is what makes up the Oral Health Assessment Package. The price of this package is based on the severity of dental disease in your pet's mouth.

Extractions: Based on the doctor's visual evaluation of the mouth combined with the X-rays, she may recommend extractions. Indications for extractions include infection, decay, mobility, or fracture. Because these conditions are painful, your pet is often much more comfortable after the affected teeth are removed. We will send home pain medication if extractions are necessary.

Clindoral Gel Application: This is an antibiotic gel that we instill into deep periodontal pockets. The gel remains in the pocket for up to two weeks. It treats the unhealthy bone surrounding the tooth and helps the gingiva seal to the tooth.

Ampicillin/Cefazolin: These are injectable antibiotics that we use if we find an active infection in the mouth or if your pet has a pre-existing heart condition. They help prevent the bacteria from the infection from travelling via the bloodstream throughout the body and 'setting up shop' in the heart or other organs.