



DENTAL CONSENT FORM

Your pet will be admitted to our hospital for a dental procedure. Welborn Pet Hospital uses the safest anesthetics available, and your pet will be continually monitored throughout the procedure. However, all anesthetic and dental procedures have an element of risk, regardless of the pet's age or health status. **Though highly recommended, these services are optional and will increase the total cost of the procedure.**

Antibiotics & Pain Relief:

Many pets presented for dental cleaning have severe infections in their mouths. These infections not only cause gum disease, but can also lead to heart disease and other health issues that can ultimately shorten your pet's lifespan. We recommend antibiotic therapy both before and after the dental procedure if the infection is severe. Extractions are sometimes necessary, especially in a patient with severe dental infection. Pain relief in the form of injections in hospital and pills sent home with the owner may be administered. Cost of these medications varies with the size of the animal and the severity of the infection, but usually ranges from \$10.00 to \$35.00.

Extraction Consent: I have been informed that examinations under anesthesia often reveal abnormally loose teeth that fall out or should be extracted to prevent oral discomfort and ongoing infection of surrounding bone. I also have been informed that the loss or removal of one or more unhealthy canine teeth occasionally allows for an awkward protrusion of the tongue to one side or the other. All questions and concerns I have about the recommended dental procedures have been answered to my satisfaction.

Pre-Anesthetic Blood Testing:

A physical exam will be performed on your pet prior to the dental procedure, but this will not identify all systemic or metabolic problems. To help detect these potential health issues and reduce the risk of anesthesia, a simple blood test can be performed prior to the dental procedure. This test can alert us of common problems with the function of your pet's internal organs, such as the liver and kidneys, so that extra precautions can be taken prior to the use of anesthesia.

**THE TESTING IS RECOMMENDED FOR PETS OF ALL AGES,
AND REQUIRED FOR ALL PETS 7 YEARS OLD OR OLDER.**

YES, I authorize the Pre-Anesthetic Blood Testing. I understand that this option will **add \$52** (for pets under 7 years old) or **\$65** (for pets 7 years old and older) to the total cost of this procedure.

Owner's Initials: _____

NO, I do not authorize the recommended Pre-Anesthetic Blood Testing.

Owner's Initials: _____

Your signature below confirms that:

1. You understand that there are risks associated with anesthesia, and that no guarantees have been made as to the results obtained.
2. Payment in full for all treatment is due and payable when you pick up your pet.
3. You have read this form, understand what it says, and agree.
- 4. The cost of the dental procedure is estimated to be \$150.00 to \$250.00, depending on the condition of the teeth, if antibiotics and/or pain medication is administered, and whether or not the pre-anesthetic blood testing is performed.**

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____ **Day Phone:** _____ **Eve. Phone:** _____