



Untreated or ineffectively treated dental disease can rob your pet of years of quality life. That's why it is so important that your pet receives regular, high quality dental care.

Union Veterinary Clinic performs dental cleanings and tooth extractions Monday – Friday. This service can be scheduled by our front desk staff. Schedule your dental surgery 1 week in advance to receive the day of the week you desire.

When can I schedule a dental cleaning?

If your pet has been examined by us in the past 6 months, and your veterinarian recommended a dental cleaning, you are welcome to schedule this procedure anytime.

If you are a new client or if your pet has not had a wellness exam in the past 6 months please schedule a pre-dental exam so the doctor can properly assess your pet's dental needs. At this time of the exam, our doctors will be happy to provide you with an estimate for the dental services recommended for your pet.

How should I prepare for my pet's upcoming dental procedure?

Do not feed your pet any food after 8pm the night before their scheduled cleaning. You can leave water out for them. Your pet needs to have an empty stomach when receiving anesthesia.



How long does my pet need to stay at the clinic?

Until the end of the day. Your pet should be dropped off between 7am-8am. The veterinarian will call you after the procedure to discuss and confirm a specific pick up time.

What should I expect after I pick up my pet?

Because of the anesthesia, they will likely be groggy that evening. They may be sleepier than usual and may have a slightly decreased appetite. Your pet should be back to normal within 24 hours. If not, please let us know.

What type of food can my pet eat after their surgery?

Usually a pet can eat a normal meal when they get home. If multiple extractions were performed, the doctor may recommend a canned food diet for a few days.

Pre-anesthetic blood testing: This is done to better assess your pet's anesthetic risk. All patients 7 years and older require this testing. This can usually be done the morning of the procedure or a part of the pre-dental exam.

Pain Control:

All patients receive an injection of pain medication before their procedure. If necessary parts of their mouth can be numbed for additional pain control.

Anesthetic monitoring:

During the procedure, patients' vital signs are monitored closely. We continually monitor their heart rate, blood pressure and blood oxygen level and ecg.

IV catheter and fluids: IV fluids are used to keep blood pressure in a safe range and help support kidney function during anesthesia. An IV catheter allows instant access to the circulatory system if any emergency drugs need to be given.

Post-surgical pain medication: Any patient that has had a surgical procedure or tooth extraction performed will be provided with an antibiotic and pain medication to be given at home.

Digital dental X-rays: Fewer than 50% of all dental problems in dogs and cats can be identified without dental x-rays. Without taking dental x-rays significant problems could be missed. Dental x-rays are also necessary to be sure that no tooth root fragments have been left behind after an extraction. We take full-mouth x-rays on every patient in accordance with the guidelines laid out by the American Veterinary Dental College.

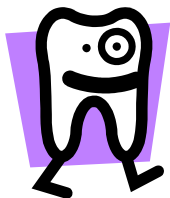
Detailed written aftercare instructions: You will always receive written instructions after your pet's procedure. so that you know how to care for them, know what is normal after anesthesia and know when to call if you think there is problem.



Before a dental cleaning



After a dental Cleaning



Union Veterinary Clinic was established in 2002 by Dr. Bruce Herwald and Dr. Julie Giles. Union Veterinary Clinic is committed to providing compassionate primary veterinary medical care to small animals. The creation of a doctor-patient-client triad is Union Veterinary Clinic's goal. Our clinic's guiding principle is that disease processes behaves differently in every cat and dog. Based on this principle, we provide an individualized wellness plan for each patient.

In addition to making sure every patient is as comfortable as possible, we also made a commitment to the highest quality medical, dental and surgical care. This is reflected by the use of the most up to date diagnostic and therapeutic techniques.

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A Guide to Veterinary Dental Services

