

Hayden Meadows Pet Clinic

Information and Cost of Dental Prophylaxis

Much attention has been focused on veterinary dentistry over the past few years. Research clearly demonstrates that proper dental care can significantly add years and quality to your pet's life.

Pet dental care is important for several reasons:

1. Gum infections can cause your pet pain and discomfort.
2. Gum and teeth infections can lead to other infections throughout the body (heart, kidney, liver, etc.)
3. Halitosis (bad breath) can make your pet unpleasant to be around.
4. Addressing problems early can save your pet discomfort and can save you money in the long run.

Below is a summary of what a dental prophylaxis may consist of:

1. **Laboratory testing** is used to determine your pet's internal health before he/she is put under anesthesia. This is very important in aging pets. Blood work may reveal important facts about your animal that can help us help your pets live a long comfortable life. At Hayden Meadows Pet Clinic this is an optional service for pets under five years old, but is required for pets over five years old.
2. **Intravenous Catheter** is an "IV" that allows us to give your pet medication while he/she is under anesthetic. Catheters are an added level of safety that we use in case of an emergency to give fluids or medication. Again, this is very important in aging pets. At Hayden Meadows Pet Clinic this is an optional service for pets under five years old, but is required for pets over five years old.
3. **Anesthesia** is required in doing dental prophylaxis on animals. The type of anesthesia used is based on your pet's history, physical examination and lab work. That is why the above steps are an integral part of the dental procedure.
4. **Scaling** is the process of removing tarter above and below the gum line. This is done with ultrasonic scaling devise and hand scalars.
5. **Polishing** is the process of "smoothing" the surfaces of the teeth after scaling. This makes the teeth more resistant to future plague and tarter formation. Polishing is a very important part in the dental process and should ALWAYS be done after scaling the teeth.
6. **Antiseptic flushing** is the process of rinsing the teeth with and antibacterial solution that kills any residual bacteria release by the cleaning and polishing process. We generally use a chlorhexidine solution to rinse your pet's mouth.
7. **Extractions, antibiotics and pain medication** are regular part of veterinary dentistry. These services and medications are used when your veterinarian deems necessary.

Cost:

The basic cost of the dental prophylaxis including all of the below is: Cat = \$145.00 Dog = \$165.00

1. Anesthesia
2. Scaling
3. Polishing
4. Antiseptic flushing
5. Hospitalization and recovery
6. Antibiotic injection

Optional or additional services may include:

1. Laboratory testing..... \$49.00 – 130.00
2. Intravenous catheter.....\$87.00
3. Pain injection (if extractions are necessary).....\$ 24.00
4. Oral pain medication and/or antibiotics.....\$ 33.00 – 75.00
5. Extractions per tooth is approximately.....\$13.00 - 30.00

The average price for a dog is approximately \$339.00

The average price for a cat is approximately \$299.00

*Your cost may vary based on the optional services chosen and your pet's specific dental health. Some pets require many extractions while others may only need a cleaning. Unfortunately, for that reason, we are unable to give you an exact price.

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