

# Dunkirk Animal Clinic



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## ***The Dental Cleaning – What is included!***

### CLEANING YOUR PETS TEETH REQUIRES:

- ❖ LABORATORY TESTING to determine anesthesia safety. As your pet grows older, internal organs begin to fail. Even though your pet may seem to be in “good health,” blood testing often reveals other problems that are treatable when caught in time.
- ❖ ANESTHESIA is required to do a thorough job. The part of the tooth under the gum line must also be cleaned. Our sedatives and anesthetics are chosen with your pet’s utmost safety in mind, and are dictated by your pet’s physical examination and laboratory testing results.
- ❖ ULTRASONIC SCALING of the teeth to remove tartar above and below the gum line is done with both hand instruments and ultrasonic cleaning equipment. Polishing is performed at this time to make your pet’s teeth more resistant to additional plaque.
- ❖ ANTISEPTIC FLUSHING is important after polishing to rid the mouth of ever-present bacteria so they do not invade the gums that are irritated during cleaning. Solutions are actually flushed beneath the gum line to get rid of these germs.
- ❖ FLUORIDE COATING strengthens tooth enamel, decreases teeth sensitivity, and retards the rate of plaque formation.
- ❖ ANTIBIOTICS are always required in veterinary dentistry because teeth cleaning is usually requested or suggested when tooth and gum disease is already present. Injectable antibiotics are used routinely, followed by oral medication for one week.
- ❖ EXTRACTIONS are done only if the tooth cannot be salvaged and may be a threat to the pets long term health and well being.
- ❖ PET DENTIFRICES: Once the dental cleaning procedure has been completed, it is important that you apply the pet dentifrice, recommended on a routine daily basis to help prevent more tartar formation. The products we recommend are accepted by most pets.

