

### DENTAL ADMISSION FORM

Owner: \_\_\_\_\_  
Pet: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Vaccines verified: \_\_\_\_\_

Preventive dental care is one of the cornerstones of good health for our pets. Regular dental cleanings can help prevent gingivitis and periodontal disease which can cause potentially life threatening illness such as respiratory, heart, liver, and kidney infections caused by bacteria from gum infections circulating through the blood stream. Dental care can also treat and prevent pain and discomfort from bad teeth, and eliminate bad breath odors caused by tartar, gingivitis, and gum infections. Pets with healthy mouths live longer.

Dental procedures must be done under anesthesia. This is for the safety and comfort of your pet and allows us to do a complete cleaning below the gums and between the teeth. We use the safest anesthetic procedures available today. The new anesthetics are very safe, have shorter recovery times, and work well even on older patients with minimal risk. All pets under anesthesia are continuously monitored by trained staff using the latest EKG, pulse oximeter, CO2, and respiratory monitors.

To further minimize anesthesia risks and assess overall health, we run pre-anesthetic blood tests to screen for health problems not evident by physical exam and to assess kidney and liver function, which are important in metabolizing drugs and anesthetics. Your pet will also have an EKG done to help us assess the heart. By knowing what's going on inside your pet we can make adjustments to anesthetic procedures if needed or start treatment for conditions that were otherwise unapparent. The tests will make anesthesia as safe as possible, improve the health of your pet, and provide a baseline for future reference.

In pets with periodontal disease we sometimes find teeth that are damaged, loose, or have infected or abscessed roots. Sometimes these bad teeth need to be extracted to eliminate infection, pain, and discomfort. The veterinarian will extract teeth when it is best for your pet's health and comfort. If there are other treatment options or procedures needed, we will discuss it with you. Many times problems cannot be seen until the teeth have been cleaned, x-rayed, and examined under anesthesia.

With all routine dental cleanings your pet will be given an antibiotic injection prior to cleaning to combat the spread of bacteria. If there are gum infections or extractions, antibiotics will be prescribed for several days. Oravet Plaque Barrier Sealant is applied to the teeth after cleaning to help reduce plaque and tartar build up. If extractions or other surgical procedures are done we also give injections and medications for pain and discomfort.

After a complete dental cleaning, home care is important for maintaining oral health. There are many options from finger brushes to oral rinses and dental chews. The Oravet Home Kit applied weekly will help maintain the plaque barrier sealant that was applied after polishing the teeth. Most dogs and even some cats can be trained to allow and even enjoy daily brushing. Please ask our staff about products and tips for home brushing. It is normal for most pets to need a dental cleaning every year, or every 6 months for small breed dogs and those pets who don't get regular home care. Regular examinations are essential to your pet's health.

#### Owner's Release:

I hereby consent and authorize Bluffs Animal Hospital, PA and staff to receive, prescribe for, treat, administer anesthesia, or operate upon my pet. You are to use all reasonable precautions against injury, escape, or death of my pet. The clinic, doctors, and staff will not be held liable or responsible for any problems or complications that develop provided reasonable care and precautions are followed. I assume full responsibility for all treatment costs. If I neglect to pick up my pet within five days of the set pickup date and do not notify you within that time period, you may assume that the pet is abandoned and are hereby authorized to dispose of the pet as you deem best or necessary, and it is understood that you doing so does not relieve me from paying all costs for services and keeping. All fees are due at the time of treatment or discharge. All unpaid balances are assessed a monthly finance charge of 1.5% (minimum \$5.00). The owner will be responsible for all collection costs if fees are not paid in full as agreed.

I have read the foregoing and agree. \_\_\_\_\_

Owner/agent signature

Phone number where I can be reached if needed \_\_\_\_\_