

## Mid North Animal Hospital

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### What is Included in Your Pet's COHAT (Comprehensive Oral Health Assessment & Treatment)?

- ✓ **Safe, Effective General Anesthesia Tailored to the Individual Patient**
  - Pre-operative Physical Exam by Veterinarian
  - Pre-operative Blood Work
  - Pre-operative ECG
  - IV Catheter and IV Fluids
  - Comprehensive Anesthetic Monitoring
  - Advanced Anesthetics (Alfaxalone and Sevoflurane Gas)
  - Endotracheal Intubation to Protect the Airway
  
- ✓ **Complete Dental Cleaning and Assessment**
  - Ultrasonic Scaling and Polishing
  - Veterinarian Examinations, Polishing, and Dental Charting
  - Full Mouth X-rays to Identify Problems Above and Below the Gum Line
  - Antibiotic Administration During Procedure
  - Oravet® Sealant Application
  
- ✓ **Comprehensive Pain Management**
  - Pain Medication Before, During, and After the Procedure
  - Dental Pain Management Nerve Blocks for Periodontal Treatment
  - Therapeutic Laser Treatment with Every Procedure
  
- ✓ **Post-Operative Medications and Follow Up**
  - Antibiotics and Pain Medications Post Procedure if Indicated
  - Oravet® Take Home Kit and Oravet® Dental Chews for Continued Oral Health
  - Routine Follow-up Appointment to Insure Proper Healing

Your Veterinarian  
Has Recommended  
a Complete Dental  
Exam and Cleaning

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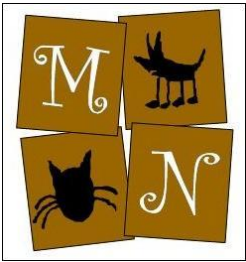
Keeping Your Pet's  
Teeth and Mouth  
Healthy Can Add Up  
to 30% to Their  
Lifespan

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We Offer State of  
the Art Dental Care

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Dental X-Ray is  
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Overall Dental  
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### Your Pet's Day During Their Dental Procedure

**Thank you** for entrusting us with the care of your pet. We understand that anesthetizing your pet for any procedure creates some anxiety, and at Mid North Animal Hospital, your pet's safety is our first concern. All patients will receive a thorough examination and pre-operative blood work prior to their prophylactic dental cleaning and exam. If abnormalities are detected, the doctor will contact you. Please make sure that you are available by telephone or email through the day.

#### Peace of Mind

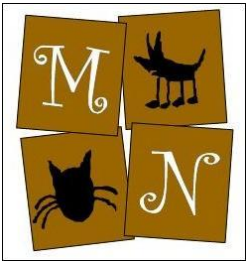
We assure you that each pet receives tender care during their hospitalized stay at Mid North Animal Hospital. Our patients are treated as individuals, which means each pet's treatment protocol has been personally tailored to meet his or her needs by our veterinarians. Our standards of care are high and we believe that you have made the right decision in allowing us to care for your pet. We will provide you with a written treatment plan and estimate cost of the procedure at the time you schedule the appointment.

#### Preparation and Scheduling

We schedule dental cleanings and exams as a drop off procedure performed under anesthesia. These are performed as outpatient procedures, and your pet will spend the day with us. We will call the day before with instructions of when to remove your pet's food and water, as well as drop off times, and any other instructions needed for your pet. We ask for dogs, that food and water be taken away the evening before at 10:00pm (the latest), and for cats, food and water should be taken away at 5:00am (the latest) the day of the procedure. The morning of the procedure the veterinarian will perform a physical exam and complete any pre-operative testing necessary. Your pet will be given a mild sedative and an IV catheter will be placed to allow for fluids to be delivered during the procedure. We will administer IV anesthetic drugs, insert a cuffed endotracheal tube and continue with gas anesthesia.

#### The Dental Cleaning

Under the direct supervision of the veterinarian, your pet is anesthetized and placed on an anesthetic monitor to closely monitor the vital parameters through the procedure. The teeth are carefully clean by one of our trained veterinary technicians using a combination of an ultrasonic water scaler and hand instruments.



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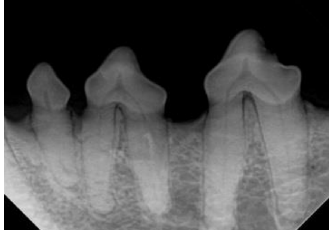
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### The Oral Examination

After the teeth are cleaned and polished, the doctor will perform a complete oral examination, which includes inspection, evaluation, and charting of each tooth and surrounding gum tissue. During the comprehensive examination, the doctor may detect fractured teeth, cervical line lesions (erosions in the enamel), gingival masses and/or loose teeth. Full mouth x-rays are then completed, and these images allow the veterinarian to evaluate the tooth below the gum line and confirm detections. The results are correlated with the exam findings to develop a comprehensive treatment plan individualized to your pet's dental needs.



### Extractions or Additional Services

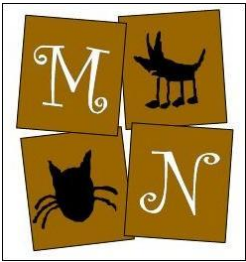
The dental exam and radiographs may reveal the need for advance periodontal treatment or extractions. Our goal is to save teeth, not extract them. If possible, the veterinarian will perform deep root planning (scaling) and the application of a periodontal gel to rebuild the periodontal attachments of the tooth involved. Unfortunately, if the prognosis for saving the tooth is poor, it is sometimes in your pet's best interest to have an extraction performed. At Mid North Animal Hospital, each extracted tooth is surgically removed by the veterinarian. The oral surgery begins with a nerve block to desensitize the area and provide additional pain relief to your pet upon waking. Then, two small gum tissue incisions are made to expose the tooth's root. Using a high-speed dental drill, the roots are sectioned into individual pieces. With a handheld dental elevator, each root is removed. The incision is closed with dissolvable sutures.

### Pain Management

At Mid North Animal Hospital, we take the comfort of our patients very seriously. We include oral nerve blocks and give a general analgesic injection to all our patients requiring extractions and advanced periodontal procedures to prevent them from experiencing pain upon waking.

### Updates During Your Pet's Stay

During your pet's hospitalization, please do not hesitate to call for an update. The veterinarian will contact you once your pet is recovered from anesthesia to provide you with details of the dental procedure and provide information on scheduling a release appointment. The veterinarian will also indicate any additional procedures which were performed, and will let you know if pain medications or antibiotics will be provided at release or if sustained release products have already been administered. We estimate the cost of these medications in the treatment plan provided at the drop off time.



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### Discharge

Most patients are discharged between 3pm and 30 minutes before closing. The doctor will provide a more accurate time during the post-operative call. Your scheduled discharge consultation will be with a technician to review the discharge instructions and any questions you may have. Please anticipate 10-15 minutes to review and discuss discharge with the technician.

### Follow-up Care

If any extractions or oral surgery were done, we may ask you to schedule a follow up appointment at no charge. This visit will allow the doctor to evaluate your pet's healing process and ensure that everything is going well. In the event, additional medication is required or a problem is noted, then a charge may be incurred. We recommend at-home dental care including daily brushing of your pet's teeth, tartar control diets, treats and enzymatic products designed to reduce plaque and bacteria.

**We consider it an honor to treat your pet.**

**Please do not hesitate to ask any questions.**

**Thank you from the Doctors and Staff of Mid North Animal Hospital**