



## Dental consent form

Professional dental cleanings are recommended for your pet yearly. Some pets that have not had regular dental care for many years will have many diseased teeth discovered during an anesthetized oral exam. Extraction of these diseased teeth is performed to improve and preserve your pet's health and quality of life.

Your pet is being admitted for ultrasonic scaling of his/her teeth followed by an anesthetized oral exam. **It is only after anesthesia and tartar removal that we can detect the true health of the individual teeth.** If tartar and bacteria have worked into the pockets enough to reach the bone supporting the tooth, cleaning alone will not save the tooth. Infected teeth have a high risk of bacterial spread to vital organs such as the heart, lungs, kidneys, and liver. Without repeated and expensive procedures, these teeth will accumulate tartar, bacteria, and odor again soon after the cleaning and effect adjacent teeth as well. They are a source of pain and infection until they are removed.

**The normal procedure at our hospital is to remove any teeth we feel will be a detriment to the health of your pet.** Our practice does not currently have use of dental X-rays and we are not equipped to do the advanced restorative work required to try to save teeth that are fractured or have bone infection. These services are available at nearby specialty practices should you desire.

### Permission to extract teeth.

\_\_\_\_\_ I give permission to GAH to do extractions as deemed necessary during the dental procedure.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I would prefer to be called should extractions be necessary and will be available by phone. **Should I not respond to this call within 5 minutes permission is granted to do the extractions.**

Phone numbers \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not want extractions and prefer to have my pet's teeth cleaned only, so that I can explore options to save the tooth. I understand that my pet's oral and overall health may be compromised by not permitting extractions of diseased teeth. Should a tooth be found to be so loose and detached from its bony structure that saving it is not possible I accept that it will be removed.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_