



**Valley Veterinary Group**  
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### **Caring For Your Pet After Dental Treatment**

Dental procedures on animals have to be performed under general anaesthesia, so it is important to remember that your pet may feel drowsy or nauseous for the first 24hrs after discharge.

If the gums were inflamed or extractions were expected before the procedure, then your pet will probably have been prescribed pre-operative antibiotics that are usually continued after discharge.

There may be some bleeding from the gums if extractions have been performed, or if the gums were inflamed beforehand. A small amount of bleeding is normal but you should contact the surgery if bleeding persists or appears excessive.

Some coughing often occurs post-operatively as a result of a tube being placed in the trachea during the procedure. This should not last any longer than 24 – 48hrs.

Please offer a light, soft meal on the first night. Chicken, white fish, scrambled egg or boiled rice may be given. Your pet might not want to eat on the first night home, but you should contact the surgery if he/she has not eaten after 24 – 48hrs.

To help keep your pet's teeth in good condition, and to prevent future tartar build-up the dental procedure should be followed by some home dental care. This varies depending on the species of animal involved or the severity of dental disease and will be discussed at your pet's post-dental check-up.