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## Consent for Dental Care

Client's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Patient's Name \_\_\_\_\_

I, the undersigned owner, or owner's authorized agent, of the above pet hereby certify that **I am over the age of eighteen** \_\_\_\_\_ **(please initial)**. I have been informed that my pet is in need of preventive or therapeutic dental care and hereby consent to the appropriate procedures described to me by staff veterinarians at this facility. These procedures include but are not limited to the following: 1) dental prophylaxis (routine teeth cleaning and polishing), 2) extractions, 3) oral surgery to close gaps left by extractions.

I am aware that dental procedures for animals require the use of anesthesia to: 1) maximize visualization of the gums, teeth, and oral cavity, 2) minimize movement and discomfort, and 3) provide for the safety of the pet, doctors, and hospital staff. I understand that some risks always exist with anesthesia and dental procedures and that I am encouraged to discuss any concerns I have about those risks with my attending veterinarian before these procedures are initiated. Should some unexpected life-saving emergency care be required and the attending veterinarian is unable to reach me, the staff at this practice **has my permission** \_\_\_\_\_ **or does not have my permission** \_\_\_\_\_ **(initial only one)** to provide such treatment and I agree to pay for such care. I accept that veterinary medicine is an inexact science and that no guarantee of successful treatment has been made.

I have been informed that examinations under anesthesia often reveal abnormally loose teeth that fall out or should be extracted to prevent oral discomfort and ongoing infection of surrounding bone. I also have been informed that the loss or removal of one or more unhealthy canine teeth occasionally allows for an awkward protrusion of the tongue to one side or the other. I consent to extractions at the discretion of the attending doctor and agree to pay for all related fees. Otherwise, all questions and concerns I have about the recommended dental procedures have been answered to my satisfaction.

I understand that an estimate of the fees for the above dental care will be provided to me and that I am encouraged to discuss all fees related to such care before services are rendered. I agree to provide payment in full on a cash, credit card or check basis at the time my pet is discharged.

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**Signature of Owner or Authorized Agent (must be 18 years of age or older)**

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**Date**

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**Emergency phone numbers where owner/agent can be reached**