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## **Intravenous Catheter and Fluid Therapy And Dental Radiographs**

### **Part 4 of Professional Dental Cleaning And Comprehensive Oral Health Assessments and Treatments**

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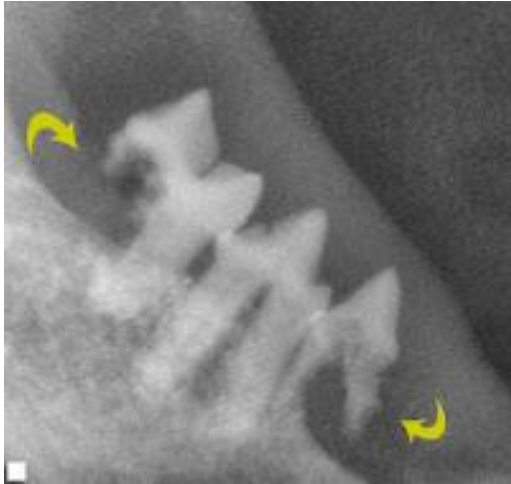
**Intravenous (IV) Catheter and Fluid Therapy:** An IV catheter allows us to give injectable drugs for immediate effect in cases of emergencies. IV fluids help us maintain proper body temperature and blood pressure which is vital for protecting the internal organs. Both the catheter and fluids dramatically increase the safety of the anesthesia.

**Dental Radiographs:** Many dental disease conditions cannot be properly diagnosed or treated without taking radiographs of the tooth roots. Having dental radiographs allows us to make informed decisions about tooth treatment options.

Performing dental radiographs allows veterinarians to see below the surface for tooth decay and fractures, abscesses and infections, impacted or retained teeth, periodontal disease and oral tumors.

During the procedure, your veterinarian will position a dental X-ray sensor inside your dog's mouth to capture the images. Multiple images may be taken from different angles to provide a complete view of your dog's oral structures. Once the images are obtained, your veterinarian will analyze them to assess your dog's dental health and identify any potential issues. They will discuss the findings with you and recommend appropriate treatment options if necessary.

Professional Dental Cleanings and Comprehensive Oral Health Assessments and Treatments are key to keeping your pet stay healthy and happy during their precious lives.



Feline Resorptive Lesions  
Visible on Dental Radiographs



Canine: Severe Periodontal Bone Loss  
Visible on Dental Radiographs

Dental disease is the most common illness encountered in veterinary medicine and affects 8 out of 10 pets. It is also the most preventable disease with proper home care. Pets often go years with painful gingivitis, periodontal disease, fractured teeth, or tooth root abscesses without the owner even noticing.

Dental disease puts tremendous stress on your pet's organs and can lead to infections in the liver, lungs, kidneys, and heart. Please ask us about the best methods of home dental care for your pet. Please call us to schedule your pet's next dental cleaning and comprehensive oral health assessment and treatment.



## Dogs Corner



**Dog Fact:** Tibetan Mastiffs are watchful, aloof, imposing and can be intimidating with strangers. They are calm and sweet and devoted to their family. They are powerful and muscular and surprisingly agile. Traditional obedience training does not work on this breed as they are very intelligent and does not like to repeat the same thing. They are good at ignoring commands and should not be left off leash, or out in unfenced areas.

Tibetan Mastiffs are double coated, with a heavy, wooly undercoat and coarse guard hair. They have a low-maintenance coat that requires minimal grooming during the majority of the year. A weekly brushing with a slicker brush is all they need.

## Cats Corner



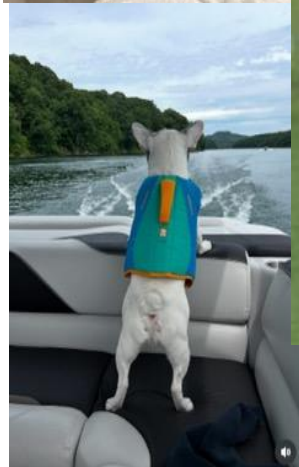
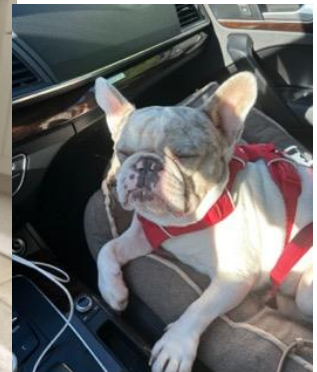
**Cat Fact:** The American Bobtail is built for cold climates, thanks to its thick, insulating coat. Known for strong hunting instincts and a playful nature, this breed thrives in cooler weather. Their energetic personality makes them both adventurous and adaptable to chilly environments.

The American Bobtail is outgoing and enjoys interactive play with their family, developing strong family bonds. Their friendly demeanor makes them excellent companions for children.

## Pet of the Month: Kevin

Written by: The Pet Family and Liliana Vasquez

Kevin is a 2-year-old French Bulldog who is one of our newer pups at our clinic. That hasn't stopped him from making an impression on all of us here. He is a spunky boy who will do anything for treats. Kevin is athletic and loves to play at the dog park, go swimming, play with his favorite toys and bones. His favorites are the yak sticks, antlers, stuffed pig and dryer balls. Most of all he loves to cuddle and doesn't like to be alone. He helps his mom join in on work calls from time to time. He also loves to go to Starbucks and get his pup cups, which is one of his favorite treats! Everyone is always excited to see Kevin and look forward to seeing him on our schedule. He is such a good boy!



## Pet Desk is Here!

We have a new interactive communication tool for your pet's health called PetDesk. It is a mobile app where you will receive reminders for your pet's health care, access your pet's vaccine information and appointment history, access to refill history and has informative pet related articles. You can utilize the app for 24/7 online booking, request prescription refills, receive lab work results and you can receive text updates from our hospital staff.

Download the app now!



## PET DENTAL AWARENESS:

We celebrate Pet Dental Awareness all throughout the year. Book your pet's dental cleaning and oral health exam during March and April and you will receive \$100.00 off the cost of those services.

## RUFFerral Program:

At Franklin Farm we believe "RUFFerrals" are the greatest form of flattery. Refer a friend and your pet will receive a \$25.00 credit at your next appointment. Your referral's pet will receive a FREE bag of treats at their first appointment.



## Celebrations in March:

This month we raise awareness to poison prevention for our pets. This can occur from furnace gas leaks, accidental rat bait ingestion, chocolate, grapes, raisins, onions, garlic, nuts or foods containing xylitol, some plants, to name a few. For a complete listing please visit: <https://www.asPCA.org/pet-care/animal-poison-control>

If you suspect your pet may have been in contact with something poisonous, please call your veterinarian immediately. If after hours, please go to an urgent care or emergency facility immediately. You may also call the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center Phone Number: (888) 426-4435 open 24/7; or The Pet Poison Hotline: (855)764-7661.

## Cancellation Policy:

Hello Everyone: We need your help! If you are unable to keep your appointment for any reason, please call to reschedule or cancel the appointment more than 24 hours in advance of your scheduled appointment time.

This allows ample time for other clients to call and get their fur babies seen.

We understand that you all have a lot going on in your lives and unexpected things pop up, so please remember to contact us **more than 24 hours** in advance of your scheduled appointment time.

We have implemented a Cancellation Policy, as follows:

If you need to reschedule or cancel your appointment, please do so **more than 24 hours** in advance of your appointment time. If you reschedule/cancel less than 24 hours leading up to your appointment, or no show, you will be charged for the office visit fee correlating to your appointment.

When you reschedule or cancel **more than 24 hours** in advance, it allows other patients to be seen in your rescheduled/canceled spot. This ensures the best opportunity for care for all of our patients.

Thank you for your anticipated assistance!

