

JOEY'S JOURNEY TO THE DENTIST



Joey has arrived to Westonka Animal Hospital the morning of his Professional Teeth Cleaning. Joey has been fasted overnight in preparation for going under anesthesia later today.

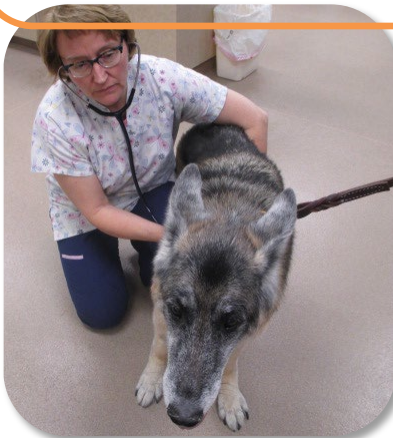


Joey and his owner are greeted by one of our customer service representatives. His treatment plan (estimate) is presented to and signed by his owner.



One of our veterinary assistants obtains Joey's current weight to ensure accurate dosing of his medications throughout his journey with us today.

Joey is brought to one of the dog runs. During this time, the doctors, technicians and assistants are preparing for his teeth cleaning. The doctor will perform a brief physical exam prior to any medication administration. (Joey's complete physical exam and blood work were completed one week ago.) The doctor and technician will work together to choose the most appropriate drugs based on his physical exam and blood-work results.

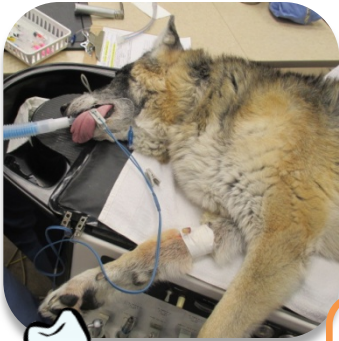


After Joey was pre-medicated for his teeth cleaning, an IV catheter is placed. This allows us to administer drugs and fluids quickly and efficiently.



More drugs are administered to allow for intubation, (a tube placed in the wind pipe). Anesthesia and oxygen are delivered directly to Joey's lungs through this tube.

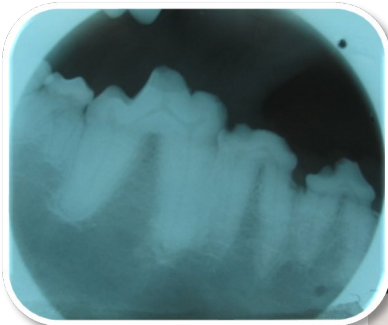




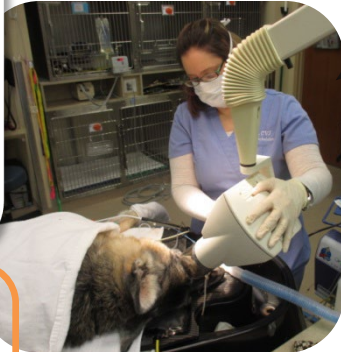
Joey is monitored closely throughout his entire time under anesthesia. Blood pressure, heart rate, and oxygen levels appear on our monitors



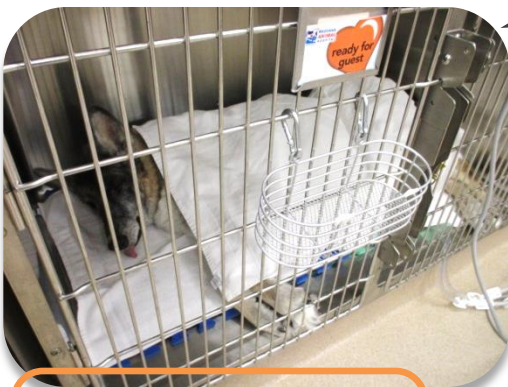
Our trained technicians perform complete examinations of the entire mouth.



The technician will x-ray all teeth. All teeth are probed (checking gum depths), scaled (removal of tarter), and polished.



... to leave the teeth shining!



Joey is recovered in a warm kennel and watched closely by the staff until he is able to walk on his own.



A gold star service is our unique Step 12. We work with owner to slow future gum disease.



A thorough report is reviewed with the owner at the discharge appointment time later that same day.



Joey has returned to the clinic one week after his teeth cleaning to complete the 12th step of his professional oral health care visit. At this visit, a technician will evaluate the mouth using a solution that highlighted the plaque in his mouth. At home dental care options, including brushing of the teeth, were discussed