



# Twin Forks Clinic

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## **Feline Dental Health Care**

### **Exam Small Animal**

Prior to any anesthesia or surgical event we perform a comprehensive physical exam.

A comprehensive physical exam includes: listening to your pet's heart for murmurs or arrhythmias, checking eyes, ears, nose, & throat, mouth, legs, & paws, abdomen, lungs, gastrointestinal system, and urinary system.

### **Pre-anesthesia Blood Testing**

We use the safest latest advances in veterinary anesthesia. However, we recommend a blood profile to help rule out any pre-existing internal problems that may not be evident during the comprehensive physical exam. These tests will help evaluate proper kidney & liver function, adequate oxygen carrying capacity, ability to fight infection, adequate platelets for blood clotting, screen for some cancers and establish a baseline in case of future problems.

### **Dental/Anesthesia Canine**

We use an ultrasonic scaler to professionally clean your pet's teeth above and below the gum line. The scaler allows us to provide the best cleaning available today. The tartar on your pet's teeth is composed of 80-90% bacteria. The bacteria present on the teeth cause infection of gums and periodontal structures of the teeth, causing pain and tooth loss. Infection can also spread through bleeding gums to the heart, liver, kidneys, and brain. Inhaled bacteria also lead to infection of the upper airways and lungs.

### **OraVet Application**

OraVet is an exciting new product that acts as a sealant on your pet's teeth. The invisible barrier helps to prevent plaque and tartar-forming bacteria from attaching to the teeth. By preventing the attachment of plaque and bacteria your pet's mouth will require fewer dental cleanings to maintain health. The first application is done as the last step in the dental cleaning.

### **OraVet Home Care Kit**

The OraVet home care kit contains 8 applications that are easily placed on the outside of the teeth of your pet at home. The applications are done once weekly maintaining the barrier formed by the first application. We have found the applications can be cut in half and stored in a zip lock bag, thus providing a 16-week supply.

### **Antibiotic Treatments**

Many cats need antibiotic treatment pre and post teeth cleaning because tartar is made up of 80-90% bacteria and the antibiotics prevent the spread of bacteria in the blood stream.