

## Midvalley Animal Clinic

801-269-1213



### Home Care Instructions for Dog and Cat Dentals

**ALERTNESS:** Your pet is recovering from an anesthetic, and will be drowsy and somewhat uncoordinated for up to 24 hours. For this reason it is important to avoid stairs and decks and to keep him/her indoors.

**ACTIVITY:** Your pet can have full exercise as soon as he/she has recovered fully from the anesthesia, which is normally in 24-72 hours. Bleeding from the mouth is normal for 24 hours but after that your pet should be pain free and willing to eat.

**FOOD and WATER: DOGS** may experience nausea the 1<sup>st</sup> night after a dental. Begin giving your dog small amounts (1/4 to 1 cup depending on size of dog) of water every 30 minutes for a couple of hours. If no vomiting has occurred feed 1/2 the normal amount of diet. **It is not necessary to soften the food even if your pet has had many extractions.** Healthy gums can chew food better than rotten teeth and do not lead to further health and heart problems. If vomiting or loss of appetite occurs for more than 12 hours call our clinic. **CATS** may have free access to food and water the 1<sup>st</sup> night. Call if your cat has not eaten for one full day after arriving home. All pain medications and antibiotics can be given the first night if your pet is not vomiting. **Recheck exams are free if you have any concerns.**

**EMERGENCY SERVICES:** Emergency services are available after hours at The Pet Emergency Room: 7200 S. 304 W. 801-871-0600. The client is responsible for all fees charged by the emergency clinic.