

Pets R Family Animal Hospital

Dental Radiograph Consent & Extraction Exception Form

Dental Radiographs (X-rays):

Dental radiographs are recommended as part of the accepted standard of care for all dental procedures. X-rays allow evaluation of tooth roots, surrounding bone, periodontal health, and detection of hidden disease. Radiographs are required for any non-mobile tooth extraction.

If radiographs are declined:

I understand that without X-rays, hidden tooth disease may remain undetected, treatment plans may be limited, and additional anesthesia may be required in the future.

Extraction Exception — Grossly Mobile Teeth Only: If I decline dental radiographs, the

veterinarian may extract a tooth only if it is grossly mobile (Stage 3–4) due to end stage periodontal disease AND it lifts out with minimal resistance. This exception applies only to teeth that are essentially exfoliating on their own.

The veterinarian will **NOT** extract any tooth without radiographs if it is:

- A canine, carnassial, or multi rooted tooth
- Suspected to have root fracture or resorption
- Mobile due to trauma
- Providing resistance to extraction
- A tooth requiring radiographs for safe removal

If a tooth does not meet these criteria, it will NOT be extracted without radiographs.

Before any tooth is extracted, you will be contacted to review the updated cost and to provide approval. No extractions will be performed without your consent. If you choose to move forward with the recommended treatment, the extraction consent form must be signed before we can continue.

___ YES, I authorize dental radiographs today.

___ NO, I decline dental radiographs for this procedure.

Initials: _____

Client Acknowledgment:

I acknowledge that:

- Dental radiographs were recommended and their importance explained.
- I understand the risks of declining radiographs.
- I understand that extractions will only be performed under the criteria above.
- I accept responsibility for undiagnosed disease resulting from declining radiographs.
- I authorize the veterinarian to act within the limits selected above.

Client Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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AAHA Dental Standard of Care

Purpose:

This policy reflects the current American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) Dental Care Guidelines. The AAHA Dental Standard of Care is designed to ensure your pet receives safe, thorough, and medically appropriate dental treatment. Dental disease can be painful and often exists below the gumline where it cannot be seen without proper evaluation. Following this standard means your pet receives a complete oral examination, full-mouth dental X-rays when indicated, appropriate anesthesia and monitoring, and effective pain management. These steps allow us to accurately diagnose and treat dental disease, reduce discomfort, prevent infection, and protect your pet's overall health. This standard also promotes clear communication and informed consent, ensuring you understand your pet's dental condition and treatment options before care is provided.