

Greenville Veterinary Clinic LLC



*SMILE
LOOK HOW WHITE YOUR TEETH OUR!*

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST AND/OR CALL-OUTS

- **EXTRACTIONS** of any infected, broken, or loose teeth may be needed. Unhealthy teeth are best removed before serious problems arise. Minor extractions will be done at the time of the teeth cleaning. However, many extractions require a significant surgical procedure and are best done at a later date.
- **ANTIBIOTICS** are usually required because teeth cleaning is often not requested nor suggested until tooth and gum disease is already present.
- **PAIN MANAGEMENT** is usually only needed when extractions are done. This is given to owners to give at home.
- 7 and older pets are required to have laboratory testing done.
- Dental radiographs are done at the doctors discretion.

Teeth Cleaning

Much attention has been focused on veterinary dentistry in the past year. Research clearly shows that proper dental care is probably one of the most important things you can do to add years and quality to the life of your pet. Pet dental care is important because:

Gum infections hurt! Usually your pet does not express outward signs of dental pain, thus they may suffer needlessly. Gum and tooth disease leads to other infections. Your pet will be more pleasant to be around without "bad breath".

Teeth cleaning involves the following steps:

- **ANESTHESIA** is required since a pet will not "open wide". Sedation allows a thorough job, including cleaning part of the tooth under the gumline. Sedatives are chosen with pet's utmost safety by age, weight and physical condition.
- **SCALING** of the teeth to remove tartar above and below the gumline is done with hand instruments and ultrasonic scaler.
- **ANTISEPTIC FLUSHING** after polishing rids the mouth of ever-present bacteria so they do not invade gums irritated during cleaning. Solutions are flushed beneath the gumline to rid these germs.



*Canine periodontal
disease stage 4*



YEARLY DENTAL EXAMS AND BRUSHING WILL MAKE YOUR PET HEALTHIER AND HAPPIER!