**Deer Park Animal Hospital/PADS**

DENTISTRY RADIOGRAPHY CONSENT FORM

We welcome you and your pet, and thank you for allowing us to provide important dentistry services for you. We will perform a physical exam, and review your veterinarian’s records and any laboratory results prior to the performance of any procedure. We are pleased to be able to offer full-mouth, high-resolution dental radiography to detect painful disease to teeth below the gum line that may not be apparent with visual examination alone. You expect X-rays from your dentist when you visit them. These are very important, as studies have shown that anywhere from 20-25% of dogs, and nearly 50% of cats can have significant dental disease present that cannot be detected without radiography. Dental radiography allows us to fully evaluate the health of the teeth and surrounding bone, assess the need for and potential complications of tooth extractions, and confirm that the teeth are completely extracted, leaving no roots behind. It is currently considered the standard of care by the American Veterinary Medical Association, the American Veterinary Dental College, and the American Animal Hospital Association to perform dental radiography with any dentistry procedures to accomplish the preceding goals. Unfortunately, the equipment necessary is expensive, and it requires more time and effort to perform these important procedures. We also recognize that many pets will receive no dental care without our basic services that we have been providing for years to help pets have healthier and more comfortable teeth. Therefore, we will continue to provide care at our current reduced fees, and offer dental radiography as an option. Please choose and initial your choice:

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Dental cleaning, polishing, and any necessary extractions based on examination WITH dental radiography; including all necessary medications. $625-$1000. We will call with an estimate after our evaluations. Please leave a phone number and be available to immediately answer, as your pet will be under anesthesia at the time. PHONE NUMBER:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Dental cleaning, polishing, and extractions of obviously diseased teeth WITHOUT radiography. I understand that tooth disease may be present, but un-detected without radiography, and there is a greater risk of extraction complications. Fee $425-$800.