

## Tia ... Prancing in the Sky

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Be mindful of dental procedures on dogs (any pets), especially elder and/or those known to be sensitized to anesthesia. With good intention, and after all necessary blood work and a wellness check, Gary dropped our beautiful, happy, healthy Greyhound, Tia, off for a dental cleaning. By 1:20 she was dead.

Asked during a "wellness check" by an unsavvy Vet Tech, "don't you believe in dental?" Then, regaled on the ramifications of not having dental, even though Tia's teeth were brushed every week, and weren't that bad for a 12-year old --- I asked the Vet 3X, "are you sure this is safe for her and what about anesthesia?" "Yes, absolutely, I even do my 19-year old." Is this an isolated, idiosyncratic case? I don't think so ... not any more. I'm discovering that it happens TOO OFTEN.

Not one for settling scores, Tia's untimely death will not be glossed over. This is a wake up call that must be shared if it makes a difference for one dog! Stories are flowing in ... **thank you.**

**Here is my answer to you -- Vet Tech:** "I politely sat and listened to you, even though I am an experienced professional. I don't mind people training and/or going through necessary protocol if it is done professionally and compassionately. NO, I do not believe in dental anymore unless the Vet, Vet Techs and the facility, are state-of-the-art, with updated equipment, and are positive that they can monitor before, during and after the procedures. They need to have done more than 100, and be conscientious, not overly confident, in their skill, before ever touching another of my beloved pets. If you have one iota of doubt, the procedure should not happen or continue. Being overly confident, tired, unattentive or god-like creates mistakes, and can cause untimely death. Doing it to subsidize for monetary benefit ... shameful." Do not ever hesitate to ask questions. If you have a "gut feeling" that something is not genuinely in your pet's best interest, walk quickly and mindfully out the door!

Thank you to DVM360 and all the warriors who are supporting / joining us through this. We are grateful.

As my co-therapist, Tia impacted / changed many lives, especially ours. This wasn't as simple as saying, "sorry and go heal." We have to help those she engaged with daily heal too.

Tia is accepting messages and positive energy: **Look for that bright star, probably with a Dunkin Donut in her mouth (steals them at every board meeting) prancing in the sky. Daily Doga will be dedicated to Tia.**

**Run free, my angel ... Tia, doga partner ....**

