

Dentistry Compliance- Educating Owners on Dental Care

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Putting Dentistry Consultations into Practice



THE VETERINARY
TEAM



THE DENTISTRY
DISCUSSION



RESOURCES



MAKING
RECOMMENDATIONS

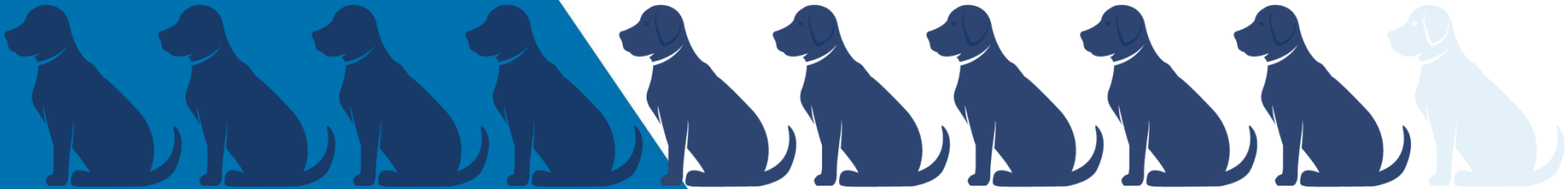


THE BENEFITS OF
PROMOTING
DENTISTRY

DENTAL DISEASE: A COMMON PROBLEM!

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ADULT DOGS AFFECTED



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ADULT CATS AFFECTED¹



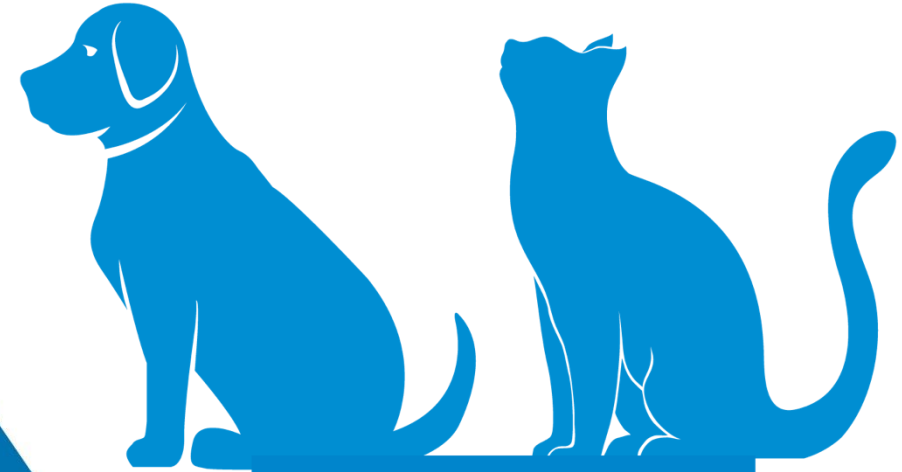
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85%

of people
brush their
teeth twice
daily

Yet...

few pet owners
brush their pet's
teeth daily



3.7%

Dentistry Clinics- The Veterinary Team

- Vets & Nurses can equally perform effective dentistry clinics
- Utilise RVN Skills with nurse-led dentistry clinics
- Engaging our client care team
- Managing dentistry clinics for success
- Potential overall aims and improvements for the practice



Nurse Led Dentistry Clinics

- Post-operative checks
- Puppy/Kitten checks
- Senior wellness checks
- Oral hygiene advice
- Pre-procedure consultation

Additional Opportunities

- 6 monthly oral health checks
- Preventative health care plan patients
- Vets- discuss oral health during vaccination/annual health checks. Recommend dentistry nurse clinic to help improve compliance.



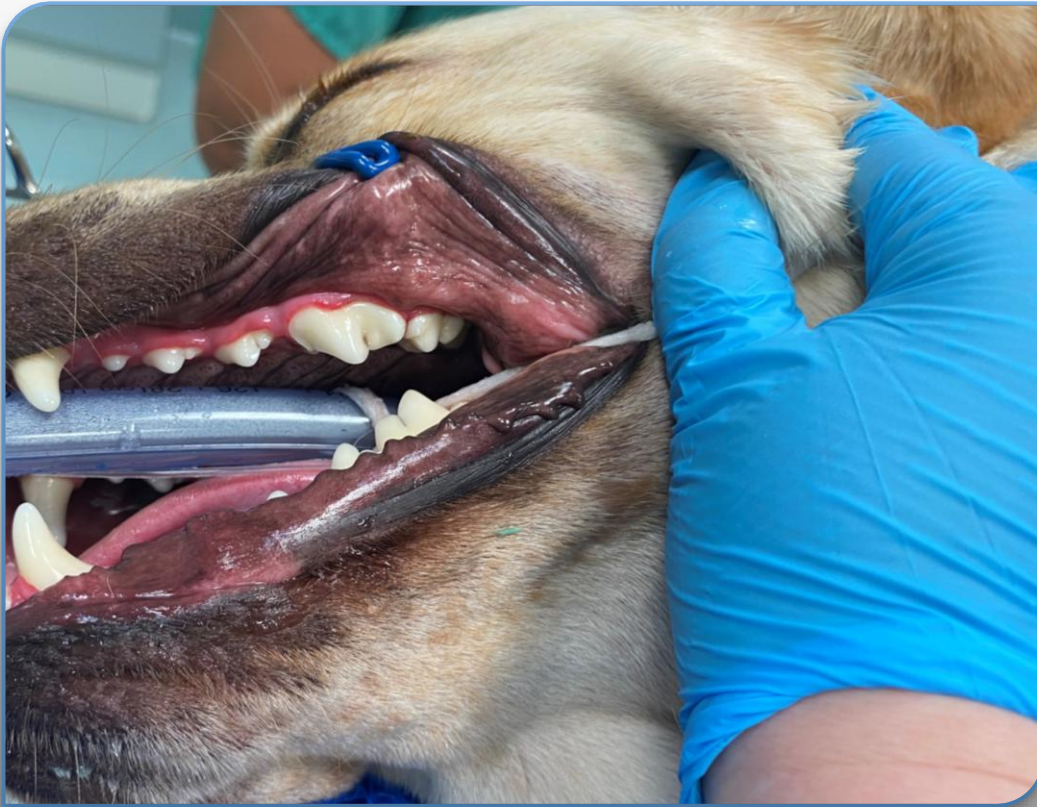
Admit Appointments

- Complete consent form with emphasis on specific risks associated with dentistry.
- Discuss staging
- Discuss homecare and compliance.

Discharge Appointments

- Discuss findings with radiographs/photo
- Clear post operative care instructions
- Information on oral hygiene.
- Discuss rechecks and further procedures if required.

The Dentistry Discussion



- Ensure team convey consistent message
- Involve the client services team so they are supportive of the practice's message.
- Use visual aids in waiting area and consult rooms. Species specific

Engaging clients with their pets oral health.

Terminology

- “Your pet needs a dental”
- What does that mean to the client?
- Answer= Not much! It’s an adjective

What Should We Say

Your pet needs a dental procedure under a general anaesthetic”.

Explain what you can see in the mouth and show them if possible.

Use words they can relate to such as pain and infection.



Dentistry Clinics: what resources do we need?

- Dedicated space/consulting room.
- Handouts on dental care and advice
- Reassurance for concerned owners
- Consultation template
- VOHC

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Nurse dental consult materials available on request:

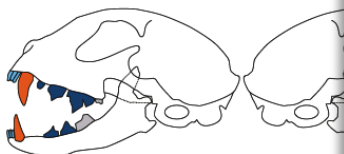
- Dental discharge forms
- Pet owner leaflets
- Plaqtiv+ Promise
- Dental.pet

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DENTAL PROCEDURE CHART

Patient name _____
Owned by _____

Left side of the mouth



Key: X = Tooth removed O = Tooth already missing Δ = Gum recession

Notes:

Your pet has had all their teeth scaled and polished to remove plaque and reduce the need for another dental procedure in future, a daily dental home care routine is required. A combination of products can be used for maximum effectiveness. We recommend the following for your pet:

- ☐ Plaqtiv+ Water Additive - add 2 capfuls to 600ml of your pet's water on an ongoing basis
- ☐ Plaqtiv+ Spray - apply 2 sprays on each side of the mouth daily
- ☐ Plaqtiv+ Wipes - wrap around a finger and rub across the teeth and gums each day
- ☐ Plaqtiv+ Toothpaste - use daily, or as often as you can, with a soft bristled brush
- ☐ Other _____

If your pet has had teeth extracted, please avoid disturbing the area while it heals. Water additives and sprays can be used immediately; brushing/wipes etc can be started once the mouth has healed.

Feeding guidelines:

We will review at your pet's post-op check/next appointment on _____

DENTAL PROCEDURE CHART

Patient name _____ Age _____
Owned by _____ Date _____

Left side of the mouth Right side of the mouth



Key: X = Tooth removed O = Tooth already missing Δ = Gum recession # = Tooth worn

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Your pet has had all their teeth scaled and polished to remove plaque and tartar. To prevent this from returning, and reduce the need for a repeat dental procedure in future, a daily dental home care routine is required. A combination of products can be used for maximum effectiveness. We recommend the following for your pet:

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- ☐ Plaqtiv+ Chews - give one chew daily
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"HOME DENTAL CARE IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN YOU THINK."

Get started with Plaqtiv+



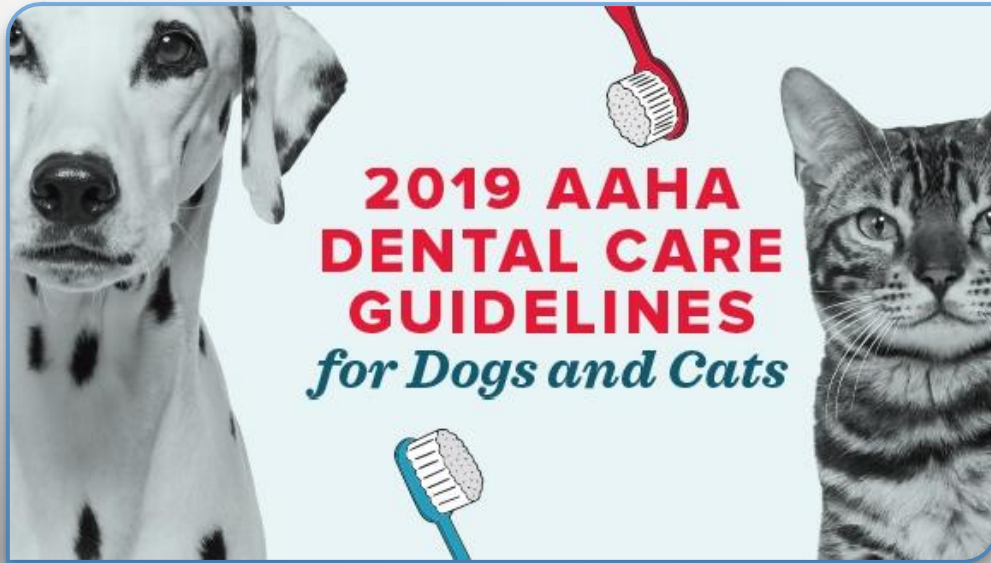
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Plaqtiv+
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Dental care advice and recommendations



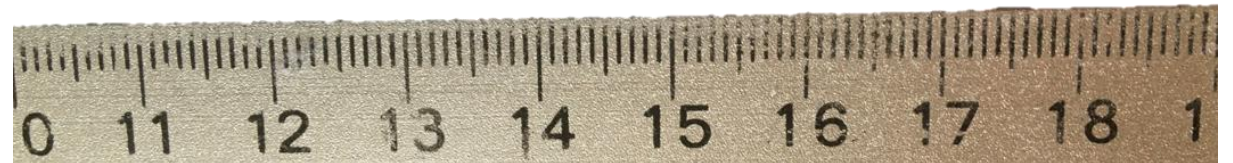
- Refer to current AAHA and/or WSAVA dental care guidelines
- WSAVA toothbrushing toolkit
- Standard pre dental procedure information
- Post operative discharge instructions

Consultation Template- Practice Management System

- Include:
- Findings for clinical oral examination
- Current homecare use
- Recommendations
- Next appointment
- Enables consistency from team members during dentistry clinics.
- Ensures no checks or discussions forgotten about.
- Structured consult conveys clearer message to owner.

Diagnostic Tools

- Thiol Test Strips
- Plaque Identification
- Provides physical evidence to the owner on causes of dental problems in their pet.
- Useful with recurrent reports of halitosis and signs of inflammation.
- Limitations-
- Patient compliance
- Does not rule out need for professional dental assessment/treatment if clinical exam indicates.



Thiol Test Strips

- Measuring levels of thiols can indicate if there are harmful levels of bacteria in the mouth.
- Positive results can indicate undiagnosed periodontal disease.
- Useful tool during preventative healthcare consultations and oral examinations.



Disclosing Solution

- Oral exam kit.
- Easy to highlight plaque to owners
- Cheap and effective tool
- Plaque highlighting lights available.





Oral Hygiene Recommendations

- Tooth brushing best option but compliance is low and not always possible.
- Recommend alternatives such as VOHC products which help reduce plaque and/or tartar levels if used correctly.

Alternatives

- Dental diets
- Dental Chews
- Water additives
- No unsafe chews such as antler or nylon chews.
- Create a list of stocked items



Summary

- Utilise the entire veterinary team to help engage clients.
- Standardise information provided by using resources.
- Tailor oral hygiene recommendations so suitable for the client and pet.
- Increasing the profile of dentistry in the practice will improve compliance for both dentistry procedures and client interaction.