



Dental Diseases

Dental disease is one of the most common diseases of dogs and cats! The most common types of dental disease in small animals are:

Periodontal (gum) disease
Endodontic (nerve) disease
Stomatitis
and Tooth Resorption

Dental disease affects the general health status of our patients, and may be painful. Animals can hide their discomfort well, so symptoms can be subtle, and difficult to spot. Some symptoms are bad breath, excessive drooling, difficulty eating, bleeding/recessed gums, or tooth loss

Dental conditions are treatable when a proper diagnosis is made. With adequate treatment and daily maintenance, patients may experience: Dental relief, attitude improvements, appetite increase, and improvement in their overall health.

Periodontal Disease (PD)

Periodontal Disease is caused by the build-up of plaque and calculus, leading to gingivitis and chronic inflammation. This inflammation can lead to bone loss, gum recession, and infection or mobile teeth.

Periodontal Disease is not only painful, it has also been linked to higher risk of liver and heart disease.

Here are some photos of patients who have had periodontal disease, among other teeth problems

Canine P.D.



Feline P.D.



Treatment and Prevention

Brushing your pet's teeth daily, or at least every other day is the most effective method for prevention. Regular professional veterinary dental cleanings under general anesthesia is extremely beneficial for treatment and prevention of disease.

If you would like to go a step further, or if brushing is not a possibility, here are some other options:

Dental Diets
Dental Chews
Dental Treats
Water Additives
Oral Gels
Oral Sprays

Preferred dental products have been given the Veterinary Oral Health Council (VOHC) seal of approval!

Avoid hard chews like rawhide, bones, antlers, hooves, or hard manufactured toys, as these can cause tooth wear and fracturing