

SERVICES

DENTAL

Pet's Need Dental Care Too!!

Is your pet having any of these problems?

- Bad breath
- Chewing on one side of the mouth
- Reddened gums
- Dropping food when eating
- Drooling
- Pawing at face
- Shying away when face or head is petted
- Bleeding from mouth
- Occasional unexplained behavioural changes
- Loss of appetite
- Refusing to chew on toys
- Refusing to drink cold water
- Refusing to eat hard food

80% of dogs and 70% of cats over age 3 have some form of oral disease. Your pet's teeth should be brushed regularly to avoid gum disease. But even with regular brushing, it is necessary to have their teeth cleaned (scaled and polished) from time to time. It is very important to have your pet's teeth checked regularly by your veterinarian.

Here's what to expect during a dental procedure at PET CARE European Veterinary Clinic. Because it is necessary to use general anaesthesia while cleaning your pet's teeth, the process begins with a physical examination. Your pet's general health must be evaluated before anaesthesia is administered to ensure that he/she is not put at risk.

- A thorough exam is performed.
- Pre-operative blood work, x-rays or ultrasound may need to be done.
- A periodontal probe is used to check for pockets underneath the gum line where periodontal disease starts. Large pieces of tartar are removed with an ultrasonic scaler, and a hand scaler is used to remove tartar from crevices and underneath the gum line. Other tools are used to finish cleaning above and below the gum line.
- Your pet's teeth are polished to smooth out scratches in the enamel.
- Your pet's gums are washed with an antibacterial solution to help delay tartar build-up both above and below the gum line and to decrease chance of infection.
- Your pet may receive a fluoride treatment to strengthen his teeth and to desensitize exposed roots.
- Some teeth may require extraction if they are loose or badly infected.
- The patient is monitored by a technician throughout the procedure and pain is managed appropriately.

On admission you will be told when to call for an update on the condition of your pet and to find out what time he/she can be released from the hospital. After the dental procedure it will be up to you to do daily home care to ensure your pet has a healthy and comfortable mouth.