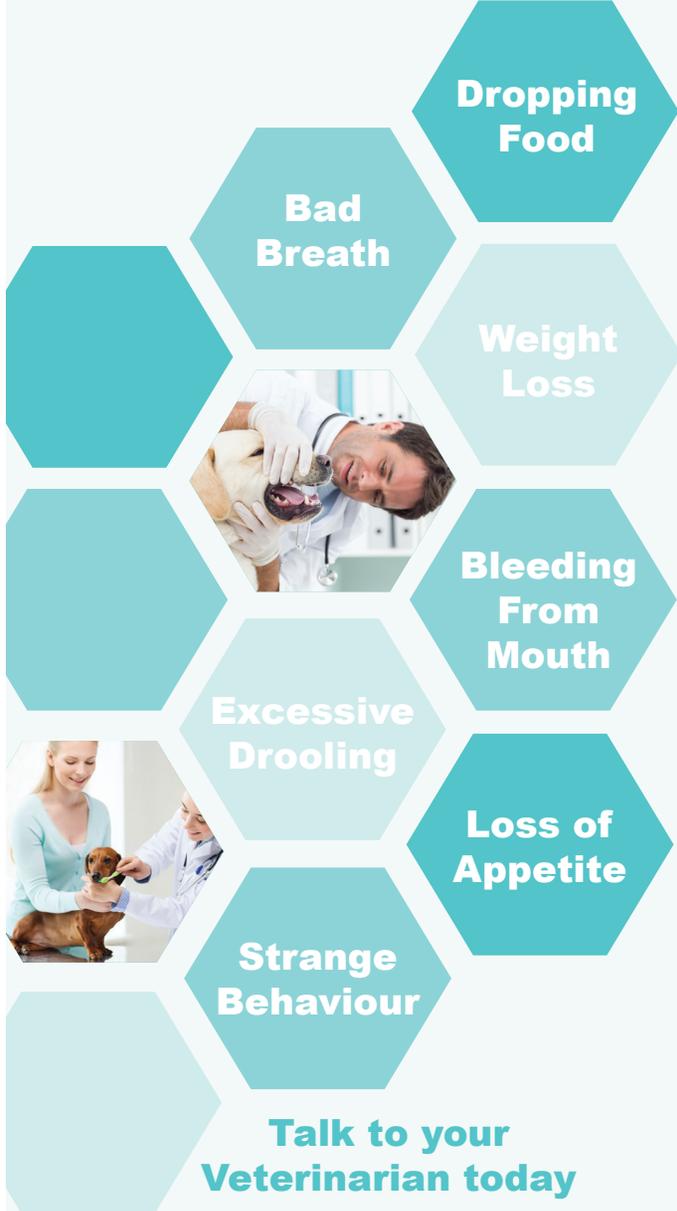


Signs your pet may require dental treatment



Good Health Starts At The Gumline

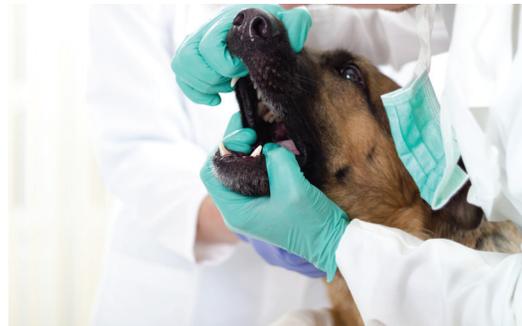


Periodontal Disease

Periodontal disease can be preventable and is the most common medical condition in cats and dogs. It can be very dangerous to your pet's internal organs and immune system. Plaque and calculus spread under the gumline and damage the supporting tissues around the tooth. Bacteria below the gum line can secrete toxins that spread through the body which stimulates the immune system. This can lead to structure loss to the supporting tissues of the tooth and eventually lead to tooth loss. Periodontal disease can cause fistulas (hole from the oral cavity to the nasal passages), jaw fractures from weakening of the bone, bone infections, loss of teeth, feline resorptive lesions, and loss of gum tissue. **Start the conversation today with your Veterinarian.**



Dental Treatment



After anesthesia is administered, treatment usually begins with an oral examination, and all abnormalities are recorded on a dental chart. A professional scaling and cleaning of the teeth surfaces and underneath the gumline is performed. Radiographs are used to assess potential root damage that is not visible to the eye. Extractions or Endodontics may be performed at this time or at a subsequent appointment after consultation. The treatment ends with a final polishing.

Why Radiographs?



Dental radiographs are the most effective diagnostic tool to access the anatomy of the tooth, roots and surrounding bone for potential disease and issues. It allows your Veterinarian to confirm the necessity of Extractions or Endodontics and to properly access proximity of the tooth roots to the bone to reduce any risk associated with tooth extraction. After treatment, x-rays can be used to make sure no root tips are left behind causing pain in your pet's mouth.