

St Bernards Buzz

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Free
Dental
Health
Checks



Book NOW!

\$50 off ALL Dentals during August & September

It's Dental Month...AGAIN!

We've extended our Dental Health month, and this means we'll be extending our great offers!

FREE dental nurse checks for your pets and a **\$50 discount** off any Dental procedure during August and September.

Call us to talk **TEETH** today – 8364 4545

Dental Care

Dental care is something we are passionate about and as it is dental month again we thought it was the perfect time to talk about it. Not only can your pet develop 'bad breath' (also known as halitosis), but dental disease can be linked to causing other issues such as heart disease, kidney disease and most importantly, pain. It is unfortunately very common for our furry friends to develop dental disease, and it can happen at any stage of their life.

As part of our routine health checks, our veterinarians and nurses will check your pets 'dental grade'. This is assessed out of a grade ranging from 0-4, and is graded by using a range of different aspects such as; calculus buildup (the yellow/brown seen on the surface of the tooth), plaque accumulation, gingivitis (swelling and redness on the gums), and if any teeth are fractured or discoloured.

Here's how WE can help your pet!

If one of our vets diagnoses dental disease, they will recommend a dental examination and a clean using an ultrasonic scaler and a polishing tool, just like we get on our teeth! Your pet will be placed under a general anaesthetic for the procedure - this is to make sure it is not painful or scary for your pet, as well as them staying nice and still so we can properly examine and clean the teeth. Pets can have all sorts of nasty problems with their teeth (especially cats) that you may only be able to find under anesthesia using special dental instruments such as a probe or dental x-rays. These can help us to identify whether extractions are needed if we find teeth which are too diseased to stay in the mouth.

Here's how YOU can help your pet!

There are a range of different ways to prevent and manage dental disease. They can either be classed as a 'mechanical' or 'chemical' approach. Our preferred method is both!! This can include teeth brushing, specific dental dry food, water additives, dental chews/treats and dental mouth gels. Come in or call our lovely customer relations team to book in for a dental check with one of our vets or nurses, and we will create a dental health plan tailored for you and your pet, and give you loads of handy information and tips and tricks to keep your pets mouth pain free and smelling great!



Before



After

Remember
A Healthy
Smile
=
A Healthy
Pet

Patient of the Month

Korra



We had the pleasure of having Korra in for a consult and then later for a dental examination under anaesthetic where she was found to have Feline Odontoclastic Resorptive Lesions, or as we call them—FORLs. The diseased teeth were removed and Korra has been very happy ever since. There is an unfortunately high percentage of cats that will develop FORL's. They are caused by a certain cell of the tooth which is meant to resorb roots of baby teeth, but somehow get switched on and start to eat away at the adult teeth, essentially making holes in the teeth. We can't prevent them from happening, but knowing your pet is prone to them is very helpful. Together with us, a close eye can be kept on your pet for any sign of pain or discomfort (such as eating to one side, pawing at the mouth, drooling) and treat them accordingly, as well as coming up with a dental treatment plan that will slow the progression of dental disease which can significantly reduce inflammation of the gums and the bacterial load in the mouth.

