

SEADOWN

VETERINARY GROUP

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Dentistry

Dental health has an important influence on the general welfare and performance of your horse.

Examination should be carried out at least once a year.

Conveniently this can be done at time of vaccination.

Older horses or more complex cases often need six monthly attention.

All our veterinary surgeons carry a full set of dental floats (rasps) and a full mouth speculum, enabling thorough dental examinations.

As veterinary surgeons we are able to provide sedation, pain relief and local anaesthesia as required, allowing a more thorough examination/treatment, with less stress or pain.

This also minimises costs to the client by reducing procedure time and number of people required.



Costs

Our routine dental price includes: -

- thorough oral examination
- rasping of all sharp enamel points
- 'bit seating' of front cheek teeth for 'performance' finish
- removal of any minor focal overgrowths (such as small ramps, hooks, overgrown teeth, spurs etc.)
- basic incisor work if necessary
- dental recording

When booking 6 or more dentals at the same venue, the routine dental cost is at a reduced rate.

More advanced dental procedures such as wolf teeth removal or reduction of larger overgrowths are not included in the routine price, but these procedures can be undertaken at the same time by prior arrangement.



Local anaesthetic being injected into the gingival tissue surrounding the wolf tooth



A Burgess elevator being used to remove a wolf tooth

Advanced Dental Procedures

More advanced dental procedures regularly carried out by our surgeons include: -

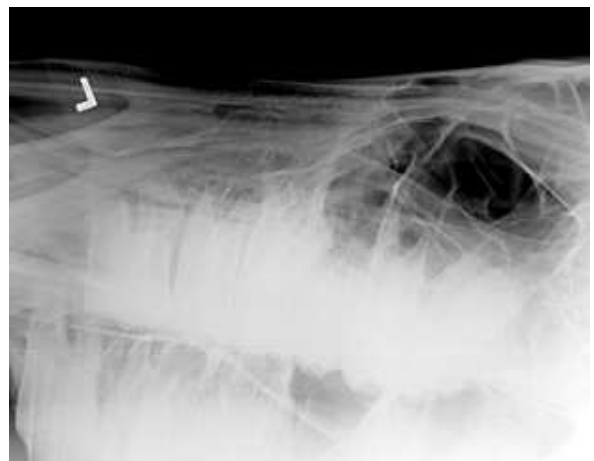
- reduction of large overgrowths
- dental radiography
- removal of diseased/damaged teeth
- correction of incisor malocclusion
- diastema treatment

The more advanced dental procedures, such as tooth removal, are generally carried out at our Equine Clinic, where dedicated Dental Stocks enable us to correct any dental problems whilst maintaining your horse in a comfortable and safe environment

Dental Radiography

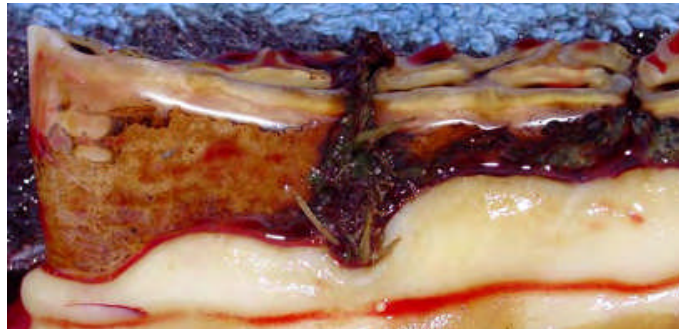
Digital radiography enables full investigation and treatment of conditions such as tooth root disease and tooth fractures.

Due to the complexity of exposures and positioning this is always carried out at the Clinic.



What is a diastema?

A diastema is an abnormal space between the teeth, and this is a common occurrence in the older horse. This space can cause food material to become trapped and this lead to painful periodontal disease.



Treatment involves regular removal of the trapped food, using a combination of dental picks and high pressure dental sprays. In more problematic cases the space is widened between the teeth with a specialised diastema burr.



This widening allows food matter to pass through the space without becoming trapped, thus preventing periodontal disease.

The provision of these services gives a comprehensive and advanced dental health care program for your horse, ensuring greater welfare and performance levels.

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