

In-Theatre Information Guide to Common Oral Conditions

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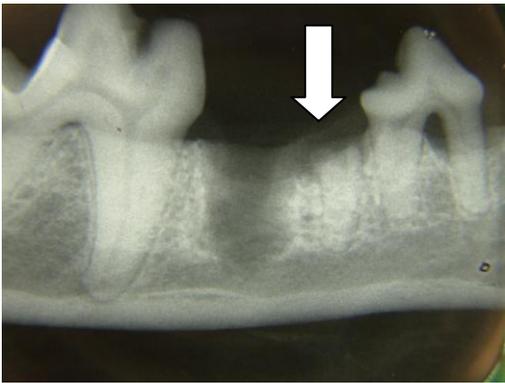
Discoloured tooth: pulpitis very common. Xray, RCT or extract



'Caries' – dental decay: xray & restore or extract



Fractured & damaged teeth: xray & restore (often RCT) or extract



Root remnant (fractured): radiograph & remove. Do NOT atomise!!! Warning! Root migration into bone canals etc!



Retained deciduous teeth- intervene (xray & extract) if deciduous teeth not mobile. Warning! Developing adult roots are VERY delicate!



Malocclusion – jaw/ teeth misaligned & painful: xray & shorten, move, extract or recontour. NEVER 'grind down'/ cut!

Resorptive Lesions- MUST XRAY!

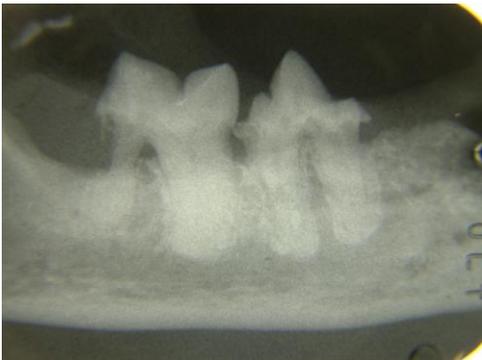
Ghosted----coronal amputation. Warning! This is NOT atomisation!

Anatomy present, no ankylosis -----extract

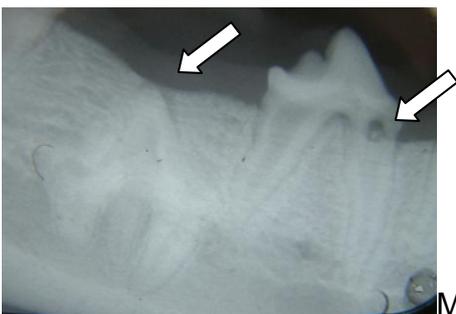
Anatomy present, ankylosis -----extract (likely v difficult, surgical technique)



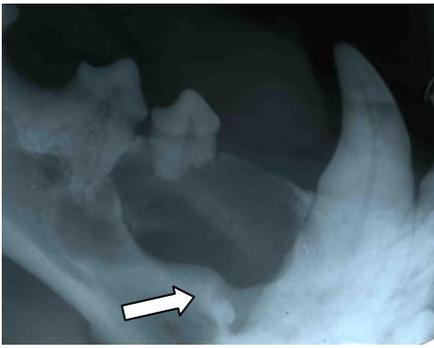
Gingivostomatitis & resorptive lesions: perfect extractions under radiographic control. Adjunctive antibiotics & NSAIDs if safe.



Resorptive lesions – Xrays essential!!



Missing tooth: radiograph (unerupted after jaw fracture fixation; note hole through tooth...needs treating!)



Missing tooth – dentigerous cyst: investigate (FNA, biopsy) & cyst enucleation. Warning! recurrence, fracture, nerve damage, malignancy.

Periodontitis – can only treat if owner will perform homecare!

Mobility 2, 3 ----- extract OR treat

Pocket depth >5mm----extract OR treat

Furcation exposure 2, 3----extract OR treat

Gingival recession (root exposure)---if alone can treat IF suitable area



Periodontitis: treat or extract; brushing can save teeth!



Periodontitis: homecare essential – daily brushing.



Oral mass: xray & wedge biopsy.



Oronasal fistula: closure options; 1st =best!

GUIDE TO DENTAL & ORAL CASES

Case treatment options include:

- restorations – fillings (tooth decay)
 - 'RCT' root canals (broken/purple teeth)
- feline oral & dental medicine & surgery - stomatitis, 'neck' lesions etc
- orthodontics – treating problematic alignment of jaws/ teeth
- extractions – surgical techniques for difficult teeth
- periodontal therapy – saving teeth, preventing gum inflammation
- jaw and maxillofacial surgery – jaw fracture, trauma, cysts
- oncology – investigation & treatment of tumours & masses

DENTAL CHECKS

Puppy & Kitten vaccinations:

- Mouth/ teeth fitting normally
- Initiate homecare regime

Adolescent 5month check:

- Mouth/ teeth fitting normally
- Teeth exfoliating & erupting normally
- Consolidate homecare regime

1st Booster

- Mouth/ teeth fitting normally
- Consolidate homecare regime

Annual dental checks & vaccinations (ie checked orally at least every 6months)

- Consolidate homecare regime
- Assess for other initiating disease – early intervention!

Other

- Pre-acceptance onto 'internal insurance' schemes
- Checks every 3months for 'at risk' individuals eg resorptive lesion & periodontitis cases

What to look for:

- Bad breath
- Red or irregular gums
- Root exposure & gingival recession
- Broken, damaged or discoloured teeth
- Missing or worn teeth
- Holes in teeth, resorptive lesions
- Swellings around the face or inside the mouth
- Teeth not fitting properly, discharge from nose
- Changes in habits: eating, drinking, sleeping, play, behaviour