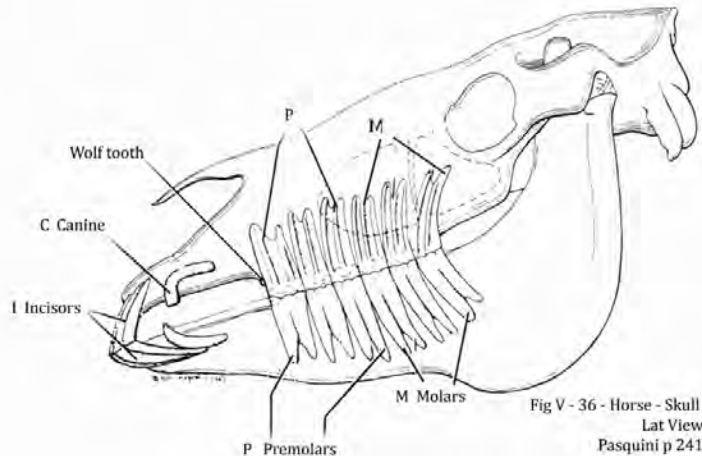


WHY IS DENTISTRY REQUIRED?

Horses have evolved teeth which erupt continually throughout their lives. Modern diets, management and the requirement to wear tack and bits add to the challenges a horse would face in the wild.

All horses will develop sharp enamel points on their teeth which require rasping to avoid discomfort during eating or when they wear a bit. Some horses have teeth which don't wear down evenly and need additional rasping to prevent overgrowth.



MY HORSE'S FIRST DENTAL CHECK

Because young horses teeth are always extremely sharp we advise first rasping a horse's teeth shortly before they are broken.

This way their first experience of a bit is a comfortable one, setting them on the right track for the future.

We can also check for wolf teeth, loose caps or any dental anomalies at this time.

HOW OFTEN SHOULD MY HORSE'S TEETH BE CHECKED?

The majority of horses should have their teeth **checked at least once per year.**

Young horses teeth are softer and erupt faster so get sharp extremely quickly. You should have these **checked every six months.**

If your horse is quidding (dropping food) there are several common reasons for this so **call us to arrange a dental examination.**

Old horses or those with known problems will often need **checking six monthly or more.**



Call reception to discuss your horse's dental plan. We have several options available.
0808 168 5580 or 01254 888 600

PEACE OF MIND

As vets we are fully trained and are legally allowed to carry out procedures which cannot be done by equine dental technicians.

All dental work is carried out by qualified veterinary surgeons with additional training in horse dentistry.

As vets, we can offer a more comprehensive service. We can make dental work as stress free and pain free as possible for your horse by administering sedation and pain killer if required. We also offer a reminder service to let you know when your horse's teeth are due for checking and detailed records of any problems are kept on our computer system.

To carry out procedures effectively with minimum upset and maximum safety for your horse we use a wide range of the latest motorised and manual equipment. If needed, our surgery is equipped with specifically designed restraint stocks to allow elevation and stabilisation of the head for dental procedures. We can use a small endoscope to visualise the teeth and mouth on a colour screen.

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RADIOGRAPHY

Most of a horse's tooth is hidden below the gum so taking x-rays can be an invaluable aid to diagnosis.

We are fully equipped to radiograph your horses teeth with clinic based and portable x-ray machines for on-site visits.



EXTRACTIONS

Horses teeth have extremely large roots, often a couple of inches or more, and as a result extractions can be a very difficult process.

However, we are extremely experienced in this procedure and perform it regularly at our clinics.



HOW CAN YOU RECOGNISE DENTAL PROBLEMS?

Even in horses with moderately severe mouth lacerations and dental disease, the desire to eat will be maintained and the problems may not be obvious without a full dental examination.

Signs of dental problems include:

- dropping food (quidding)
- weight loss
- bad odour
- biting problems or evasion
- head tilt or shaking
- facial swelling / nasal discharge
- colic or choke



SERVICES OFFERED

- Sedation
- Routine dentistry / rasping
- Diastama treatment
- Tooth extractions
- Abscesses
- Fractured teeth
- Sinusitis
- **Free** visit for 4 horses or more

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COMPLETE equine
dentistry service



At North West Equine Vets we are able to provide a complete dentistry service, from routine rasping to surgical correction of serious dental problems.

Our team of equine vets are all experienced and well equipped, with modern hand tools and power tools for correction of larger dental overgrowths.

We are also able to sedate more fractious patients to facilitate a safe procedure for both horse and humans alike.

