

Step-by-step guide to dental treatment in pets

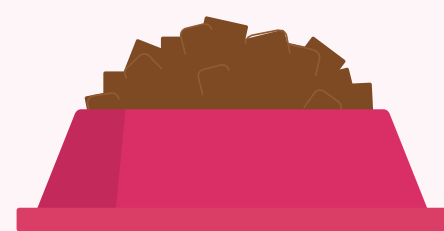
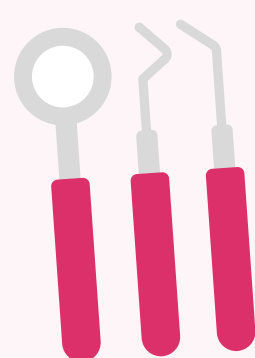
Pre-op

- 1 Consultation**
 - Vet recommends dental treatment
 - Procedure booked with practice
 - Food withheld beforehand (not applicable to rabbits)
- 2 Admit**
 - Pet brought to practice on procedure day
 - Weighed, health checked by vet/nurse
 - Consent form signed by owners
- 3 Prep**
 - Pre-anaesthetic blood tests done
 - IV line placed if needed
 - Pet settled into kennel



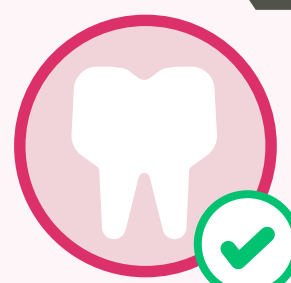
Procedure

- 4 General anaesthetic**
 - Pet given injection to make them sleep
 - Anaesthetic gas administered to keep pet asleep
 - Vital signs monitored
- 5 Oral examination**
 - Teeth and gums checked, dental chart created
 - Dental x-rays taken to check roots
 - Teeth needing extraction identified
- 6 Extractions (if needed)**
 - Loose, broken, retained or rotten teeth removed
 - In rabbits, overgrown teeth filed or extracted
- 7 Scaling and polishing**
 - Tartar/plaque removed
 - Teeth polished to smooth surface
- 8 Waking Up**
 - Anaesthetic gas turned off
 - Pet wakes up slowly
 - Offered food once fully awake



Post-op

- 9 Update owners**
 - Owners updated on findings and procedure
 - Discharge time arranged
- 10 Home time**
 - Owners pick up pet at prearranged time
 - Post-op care instructions provided
 - Recheck appointment scheduled
- 11 Recheck**
 - Pet rechecked in coming days/weeks
 - Discuss ways to prevent future problems



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**Dental treatment process may vary depending on the vet practice you visit. Always consult your vet for specific details and recommendations tailored to your pet's needs.