

FAQs

How many teeth will you extract?

This depends on how many look unhealthy. It may be more than you expect, but unhealthy teeth can be very painful for your pet and removing them will make them feel so much better.

How many teeth does my pet need?

Zero! Pets can eat really well without any teeth. Having a pain free, infection free mouth is what's important.

Why does my pet need an anaesthetic?

This makes the dental work comfortable. It also relaxes them so that our vets can easily look in their mouth and provide the necessary care.

Does my pet need a dental x-Ray?

Taking an x-ray is the gold standard! It helps our vets spot problems that are not visible to the naked eye and under the gum.

How long will my pet be admitted for?

We will ask you not to feed your pet breakfast on the morning of the dental. They should have nothing to eat after 9pm the night before. They can have access to water until you bring them in. You will bring them in early in the morning, we will confirm the time. The nurse admitting will talk you through a consent form and provide an opportunity for any questions. You'll leave your pet with us for the day. We then ask you to call us at around 2pm to confirm a time for collection. This is usually between 3.30pm and 5.30pm depending on how drowsy they are.

Where can I find out more information?

Scan the QR code
or call 01772783327



<https://www.longridgevet.co.uk/pet-advice/dental-advice/>



Dental Care for Your Pet

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Healthy Mouth – Happy Pet

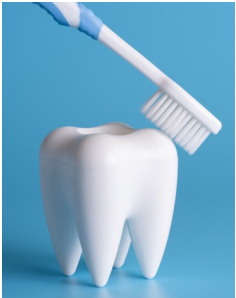
Dental problems lead to an unhealthy mouth with

- x Pain
- x Difficulty eating
- x Infections
- x Poor general health and cardiac problems



Prevention is better than cure!

- ✓ Toothbrushing
- ✓ Dental friendly shaped kibble
- ✓ Avoid sweet foods/treats
- ✓ Dental products



Finding Dental Problems

Signs of dental problems may include broken teeth, inflamed gums, smelly breath, receding gums, bleeding or spots of blood from the mouth, or 'off food' (though this may be due to other problems). Our vet can check for these signs during a consultation.

Less easily to spot are root problems, retained teeth or a root abscess. For this we need to take a dental X-ray.

Managing Dental Problems

Under an anaesthetic we can perform a scale and polish and or remove any painful problematic teeth.

A scale and polish removes tartar and plaque build up to prevent or help manage gum disease. The anaesthetic means that the procedure is comfortable for your pet. Dental work can hugely improve the quality of life for your pet.

Costs

As with everything at Longridge Vets we price openly, honestly and usually less than other vets. We will provide an estimate based on the weight of your pet and what dental problems have been found during your consultation.

Remember...

Prevention is better than cure!
Early treatment is often lower cost than a 'wait and see' approach



Aims of Dental Care: To improve the health and welfare of your pet