Keeping your cat's mouth healthy begins at home.

- Check your cat's teeth frequently
- Special foods or treats can help prevent tartar build up
- Some cats will tolerate toothbrushing, with a tasty feline toothpaste.

Signs of dental problems

- Red, inflamed gums
- Loose or discolored teeth
- Poor grooming habits
- Loss of interest in food (particularly hard food)
- Increased drooling
- Tartar accumulation



Did you Know...?

Chester Valley offers FREE dental exams.

One of our licensed technicians will answer your questions, discuss dental care, check your pet's mouth and help you make a plan for their continued oral health.



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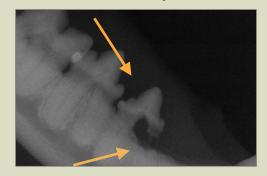


Cats are experts at not showing signs of pain, but as they age, many cats develop serious dental disease, which can be painful and has a huge impact on their health and well being.

Cats can have some unique dental issues we don't often see in other animals.

Resorptive lesions

Crown of the tooth may look normal,



But painful lesions form along the gum line.

Stomatitis

The body's own immune system attacks the teeth.



The only way to relieve this painful condition is to remove the teeth

Professional Cat Dentistry

What happens during a "dental cleaning"?

- **★**Careful examination of each tooth
- ★Removal of tartar and calculus
- ★X-rays to check for problems with the roots or interior of teeth.
- ★Removal of any loose, infected or diseased teeth.
- **★**Polishing of all teeth
- ★Full monitoring of vital signs throughout anesthesia
- ★Any necessary medications
- ★An oral recheck 2 weeks later



Getting your cat's teeth professionally cleaned when you start noticing dental issues is extremely important to their long-term health.

Not only is dental disease painful, but if left untreated, bacteria from the mouth can get into your cat's bloodstream and cause major health concerns such as heart or kidney disease.

Have questions?

The staff at Chester Valley Veterinary Hospital would be happy to discuss your cat's dental care. Give us a call at (907) 333-6591