

Cat Dentistry: Protecting Your Cat's Smile and Health

Did you know that most cats show signs of dental disease by the age of 3? Dental care is about more than fresh breath — it's an essential part of your cat's overall health. At Pleasant Valley Pet Clinic, we provide comprehensive dental care to keep your cat healthy and comfortable.

Why Dental Health Matters

Dental disease in cats can cause:

- *Pain and difficulty eating*
- *Bad breath (halitosis)*
- *Tooth loss*
- *Infection that may spread to the heart, kidneys, and other organs*

Because cats are experts at hiding discomfort, dental problems often go unnoticed until they are severe.

Signs of Dental Problems in Cats

- *Bad breath*
- *Drooling or pawing at the mouth*
- *Red or swollen gums*
- *Trouble chewing or dropping food*
- *Weight loss or decreased appetite*
- *Behavior changes such as hiding or irritability*

Our Dental Care Services

- **Oral exams** during regular checkups
- **Professional dental cleanings** under anesthesia for safe and thorough care
- **Digital dental X-rays** to detect hidden disease under the gumline
- **Tooth extractions** when necessary to relieve pain and prevent infection
- **Pain management and home care guidance**

At-Home Dental Care

While professional cleanings are essential, you can also help at home:

- *Brush your cat's teeth with a pet-safe toothpaste (never human toothpaste)*
 - *Offer dental-friendly treats or diets approved by your veterinarian*
 - *Schedule regular exams to monitor oral health*
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A Healthy Mouth = A Healthy Cat

Dental care is one of the best ways to improve your cat's quality of life. With proper prevention and treatment, your cat can enjoy pain-free eating and better overall health.