



sabino veterinary care

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Dental disease is the most common problem our pets face. Seventy-five percent of pets over the age of 6 have significant dental pathology. The most visible problem is plaque or dental tartar. Dental calculus (tartar) is composed of various mineral salts, organic material, bacteria and food particles. In the early stages of accumulation, the material is soft (plaque), but it later hardens and adheres to the teeth. Continual accumulation causes inflammation of the gums and eventual recession of the gums and loose teeth. The breath becomes very odorous and the mouth becomes a dangerous source of infection.

Untreated tooth and gum disease may allow bacteria to enter the bloodstream and cause damage to the valves of the heart, the kidneys and liver.

We noticed during our examination today that your pet will need to a dental cleaning. Healthy gums are pink and adhere tightly to teeth that are white and smooth. Diseased gums are thickened, red, and may bleed easily, while the teeth may appear rough and brown in color. Since your pet's teeth no longer favor healthy gums and teeth; we would like to schedule a time to have this taken care of.



Why does our dental price cost more?

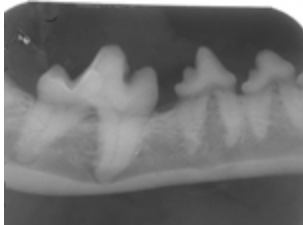
At Sabino Veterinary Care, we believe that dentistry should be performed properly each time. A dental begins with full mouth dental X-rays, like the ones we have when we see the dentist each year. All patients have an IV catheter and fluids. Patients are monitored for blood pressure, pulse oximetry, End tidal CO2, EKG, core body temperature and are kept warm with both circulating hot water blankets and hot air warmers- the safest patient warming systems available. No component of the dental is optional. We bundle and price them together in the best interest of your pet.

Dental and oral radiology

It is virtually impossible to practice veterinary dentistry without dental radiographs! Dental radiology is the most vital tool in veterinary dentistry. Dental radiographs (X-rays) are essential in most cases to make an accurate diagnosis. The diagnosis is the basis for understanding the prognosis and in deciding how to treat our patients. Dental radiographs are essential in performing dental procedures, in evaluating procedural success and in documentation of dental and oral health.

Why would you want dental radiographs when teeth cleaning?

We provide a comprehensive oral health assessment and treatment (COHAT) for pets when the teeth are cleaned. Dental x-rays with periodontal probing help with the assessment. It makes no sense to place an animal under anesthesia to clean teeth and miss an important problem. If you don't look (take x-rays), you most likely will not find problems that need attention.



Two thirds of our dog's and cat's teeth are under the gingiva (gums) and are not viewable. Dental radiographs help in the assessment. They allow assessment of the teeth (fractures or internal disease), the surrounding soft tissues (periodontal disease, stomatitis, CUPS, cysts, draining tracks, facial swellings, fistulas or tumors), the joints (TMJ or mandibular symphysis) and of the bone (jaw fractures). Dental radiographs can reveal subgingival (under the gums) foreign objects, cysts and tumors.

Studies have shown that without dental radiographs, significant pathology is missed **in up to 75% of pets**.

We always diagnose first, plan the best treatment and perform the necessary treatment meticulously. Dental radiology replaces a guess with a diagnosis and allows for the correct treatment to be optimally performed.

We care about your pets so we offer the best in diagnostics and treatment first!