



# HEALTHY SET, HAPPY PET

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Dental disease that is left untreated is painful for your pet and can lead to other serious health problems including infections in the kidneys, liver and heart.

Remember, pets will still eat despite having a painful

mouth, so regular oral examinations with your veterinarian are the best way to detect dental disease early and keep your pet comfortable and healthy.

Your veterinarian is the only person qualified to anaesthetise, examine, diagnose and treat oral health conditions.

## Why does my pet require anaesthesia for an oral examination?

Performing a thorough oral examination and dental cleaning on your pet while conscious is:

- 🐾 stressful and painful for your pet
- 🐾 compromises their welfare
- 🐾 dangerous for those who are conducting the procedure
- 🐾 ineffective because it is impossible to see serious disease occurring below the gum line.

Performing a complete and thorough oral exam and treating your pet while anaesthetised allows:

- 🐾 a thorough examination both above and below the gum line

- 🐾 your vet to properly diagnose and treat periodontal disease (gum disease)
- 🐾 for an overall positive welfare outcome, as your pet does not need to be physically restrained over a long period of time

Overall, you get the best value from your pet's dental health examination if your veterinarian can perform a thorough inspection while it is under anaesthetic.

Talk to your vet today about your pet's dental health and remember a healthy set of teeth makes for a happy pet!

