

The Benefits of regular dental care

- Allows oral comfort
- Allows comfort with bit
- Improves performance
- Improves attitude when ridden
- Can increase flexibility
- Enables effective mastication (chewing)
- Prevents quidding
- Limits severe dental disease
- Allows early detection of disease

We recommend that all horses have regular dental examinations once a year, often at the time of annual vaccination. We may recommend that some horses have more frequent examinations, perhaps twice or three times per year, to address particular problems.

All our veterinary surgeons carry the following dental instruments:

- Speculum or gag
- Mirror to allow thorough oral examination
- Head light to allow oral inspection
- Full range of hand floats to reach all areas of the mouth
- Syringe to flush mouth
- Equipment to extract wolf teeth

In addition veterinary surgeons carry a range of sedatives and analgesics should these be required. Sedation may be recommended by your veterinary surgeon. This will allow a detailed examination of the mouth to enable early detection of disease and the performance of dental procedures to a high standard.