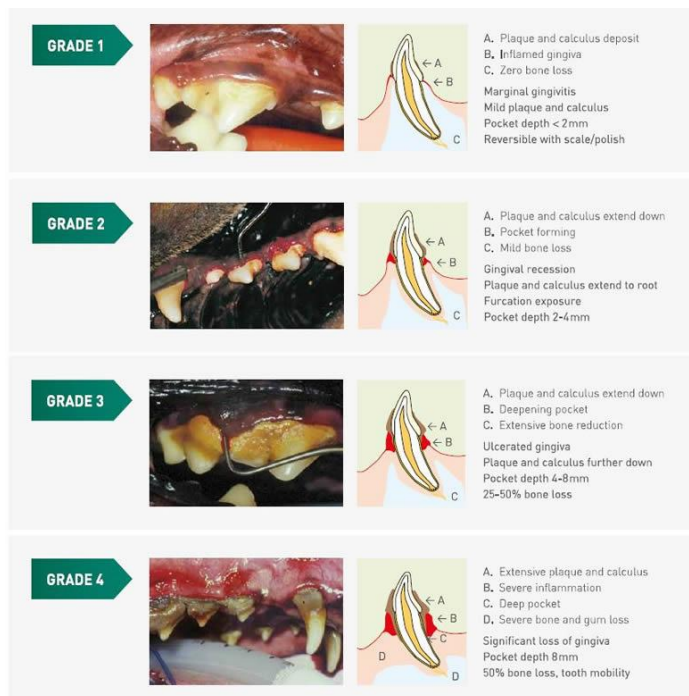


Franktown Animal Clinic: Dental Care for Your Pet

Understanding Dental Disease Dental disease in pets progresses through four grades:

1. **Grade 1 (Mild Gingivitis):** Characterized by red, inflamed gums without attachment loss. This stage is reversible with professional cleaning and good home care.
2. **Grade 2 (Moderate Gingivitis/Early Periodontitis):** Shows increased redness, swelling, and plaque buildup with some early bone loss.
3. **Grade 3 (Moderate Periodontitis):** Involves significant inflammation, bleeding, and moderate bone loss. Teeth may start to loosen.
4. **Grade 4 (Severe Periodontitis):** Features severe bone loss, deep pockets, loose or missing teeth, and possible infection that can spread to other organs.



Signs of Dental Disease to Watch For:

- Bad breath
- Red, swollen, or bleeding gums.
- Loose or missing teeth
- Difficulty eating or chewing.
- Drooling excessively
- Pawing at the mouth or face
- Swelling on one side of the face
- Behavioral changes such as irritability or withdrawal

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Our Dental Procedure Protocols at Franktown Animal Clinic, we are committed to providing the highest standard of dental care:

- **Pre-Operative Bloodwork:** We perform pre-operative bloodwork to ensure your pet is healthy enough for anesthesia and to identify any underlying health concerns.
- **Full Anesthesia:** All dental procedures are performed under full anesthesia to ensure safety, thoroughness, and comfort.
- **Full Mouth Radiographs:** We take full mouth radiographs during every dental procedure to assess the health of the teeth below the gumline, where most dental disease occurs.
- **Full Mouth Dental Cleaning and Polishing:** We provide thorough cleaning and polishing of all teeth to remove plaque and tartar, helping to prevent future dental disease.

Post-Procedure Care Instructions After your pet's dental procedure:


- **Monitoring:** Watch for signs of discomfort, swelling, bleeding, or changes in behavior.
- **Feeding:** Offer soft food for 7 to 14 days if extractions were performed. Follow any specific dietary instructions provided.
- **Medications:** Administer all prescribed medications exactly as directed.
- **Activity:** Limit vigorous activity for 24-48 hours post-procedure.


At-Home Dental Care Recommendations Maintaining your pet's dental health at home is crucial:

- **Daily Brushing:** Use a pet-safe toothbrush and toothpaste. Aim for daily brushing to reduce plaque and tartar buildup.
- **Dental Chews and Toys:** Provide dental chews approved by the Veterinary Oral Health Council (VOHC) to help clean teeth.
- **Regular Check-Ups:** Schedule regular veterinary exams to monitor your pet's dental health.

For any questions about your pet's dental health or to schedule an appointment, please contact Franktown Animal Clinic. Your pet's healthy smile is our priority!

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