

FOCUS on EQUINE DENTISTRY

Due to advances in medical care and well-educated, attentive owners, our horses are living longer and more productive lives. Proper dental care is imperative to your horse's well being and longevity.

As an owner there are many ways to manage your horse's dental health and comfort.

Watch your horse eat. Is he/she quidding (dropping food), eating slowly, or choosing hay over grain?



Take note of any behavioral changes when riding. Are you getting more resistance to putting your horse on the bit? Pulling at the bit, reluctance to bend and head shaking are all red flags for possible dental abnormalities.

Provide free choice hay. Increased time chewing will

mimic conditions in the wild.

Monitor your horse's weight. Dental problems, parasites and inadequate nutrition are the three most common reasons for weight loss.

Check your horse's manure. Poor dentition may result in an inability to break down food particle size effectively. The end result of this would be long fibers of hay in the manure.

What to expect during the dental visit. Our basic service includes a pre-anesthetic physical examination, individualized sedation, a comprehensive oral examination and a dental equilibration. A thorough oral examination and charting will identify diseased teeth, gingivitis, periodontal disease, abnormal tooth wear and guide nutritional recommendations. Preventative measures can often be taken to preserve teeth, improve oral health and avoid costly extractions in

the future. The average horse requires a dental occlusal equilibration, or balancing, once a year. Horses under 5 or over 15 years may require twice annual examinations.

Navigating the choices of dental providers can be daunting. There was a time when a "lay" dentist hand floating was all the dentistry care that was available. Advances in medicine have made that a thing of the past. The care and preventative advice that Dr. Singer will provide you will help prevent costly dental procedures in the future. The services that she provides are science and research based. Her services are the most thorough, gentle and effective techniques available. Dr. Singer's approach is a conservative one when it comes to changing the contour of a horse's bite.

Now that our horses are living longer, there is a greater need for more precise, professional and science-based dental care.

The cost of dental care

Our comprehensive **annual** dental appointment costs less than one farrier visit for shoes, one acupuncture or chiropractic treatment, one winter turnout blanket, one GPA helmet and is one-fifth the cost of a tooth extraction. The complete basic service is \$185.00. This includes a pre-anesthetic physical examination, sedation, oral examination and charting, dental equilibration, nutritional consultation and time for any questions that you might have.

Early detection and treatment prolongs lives and helps to prevent costly dental treatments in the future.

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WHO'S NEW

DR. MICHELLE SINGER, V.M.D.

While practicing in Connecticut, Dr. Singer developed a strong interest in dentistry as a specialty. She has treated hundreds of dental cases. Dr. Singer has had advanced training in dentistry, and is working toward becoming a board certified equine dentist. Currently there is only one board certified equine dentist in the country.

WHAT'S NEW

Dr. Singer offers the most advanced, state of the art dental care for your horse. You will find her to be passionate and enthusiastic about her field and especially kind to your horse.

Dr. Mark Jordan, DVM
Dr. Matthew Elliott, DVM
Dr. Jennifer Enger, DVM
Dr. Michelle Singer, VMD

Call and get your horse on Dr. Singer's schedule today.

We promise you'll be amazed by what you see inside your horse's mouth, that you'll be impressed by what you learn about your horse's teeth and that you'll be more than satisfied with the superior care your horse receives.