

Dentistry at La Crosse Veterinary Clinic

Your pet's comfort, safety, and quality of life are our greatest priority!

It's not just about white teeth

By age 3, 80% of dogs and 70% of cats have some form of periodontal disease affecting their teeth, gums, or bone structure!

Dental disease causes painful teeth and gums, bad breath caused from bacteria, difficulty chewing, behavior changes from discomfort (less active, less tolerant), and eventually life threatening heart, liver and kidney disease.

Preventative care is a fantastic way to slow the progression of periodontal disease, but just like people, sometimes pets need to go to the dentist for help with broken and infected teeth, tartar build-up, and problems developing below the gum-line.

(2/3 of each tooth is below the gum-line).

Pets have a hard time telling you when their mouth is uncomfortable, because they have no other choice than to cope with their pain. **The good news is, we can help your pet be comfortable and improve their quality of life through advanced dentistry at our hospital.**



Will my pet be safe under anesthesia?

Anesthesia is necessary for thorough pet dentistry procedures, to ensure that your pet is not scared, does not move during x-rays, is not unintentionally injured by sharp dental instruments, and remains comfortable and pain-free during the procedure.

Keeping your pet safe and pain free is our greatest priority. We will analyze a small amount of your pet's blood to be sure that his/her organs and blood cells are healthy and able to process anesthesia properly. **We have a wide variety of anesthesia options, and the blood analysis results will allow us to customize your pet's anesthesia to his/her needs.**

Our maintenance anesthesia is **isoflurane gas**, which is easily processed and quickly cleared from your pet's system. Gas anesthesia is also beneficial because it allows for easy adjustment and control throughout the procedure, ensuring that your pet receives the least anesthesia necessary, while remaining fully anesthetized and comfortable throughout their entire dental procedure.

In addition to the safest anesthesia selection, your pet will be monitored throughout the dental procedure using a heart, oxygen and blood pressure monitor, as well as receiving supportive fluids intravenously.