



# WHY IS DENTAL HEALTH SO IMPORTANT

## WHY ARE EXTRACTIONS NECESSARY?

There are many reasons a veterinarian may decide to extract a tooth. If a tooth is fractured, abscessed, or causing pain then it is doing more harm than good. In most cases we know the next dental cleaning is at least a year away and saving your pet from potential pain and/or infection is very important to us.

Brushing your pet's teeth, using dental treats, and getting regular dental cleanings will help keep your pet healthy overall. Did you know that keeping your pet's teeth healthy...

1. Prevents tooth loss and the need for extractions during a cleaning
2. Helps with bad breath odors
3. Prevents pain associated with inflamed gums, loose teeth, and infections
4. Keeps bacteria from spreading and causing damage to organs such as the heart, kidneys, and liver.