

Information: Referral for Treatment of Dentigerous Cyst

Price: £1430 (including VAT, February 2025)

Dentigerous cysts are formed when an adult tooth does not erupt properly. This is more common in boxer dogs, but can occur in any breed and usually involves the first lower premolar tooth (the first tooth behind the canine).



Sometimes they can go unnoticed and the only thing visible is a missing tooth. As the cysts grow, they will be more noticeable and a firm swelling of the gum can be seen and felt.

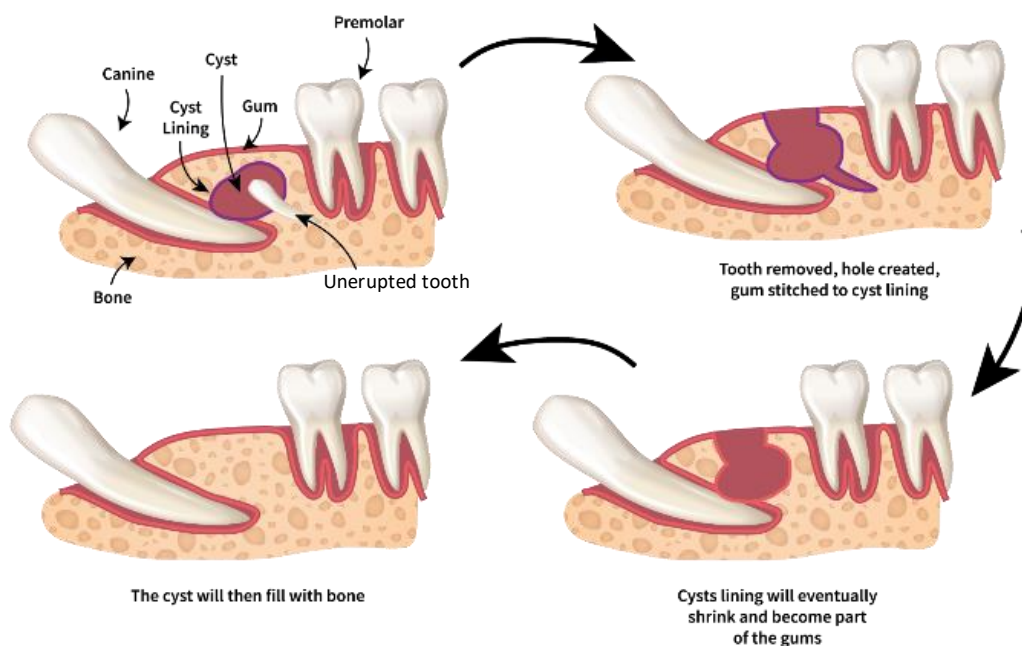
Treatment involves removal of the tooth and the cyst lining. The lining is what will continue to produce fluid and cause the cyst to grow, so it is important that all of it is removed. For larger cysts, this can be challenging, so sometimes a technique called 'marsupialisation' is required.

Treatment of dentigerous cysts:

- Surgery: A thorough dental assessment under general anaesthetic, extraction of the affected tooth/teeth, and either removal or marsupialisation of the cyst.
- Medications: Pre-and post-operative pain management. Anti-inflammatories +/- additional pain relief.
- Follow-up checks to assess the healing of the cyst



Marsupialisation:



The tooth is still removed, but a hole is created in the cyst which is then left to drain on its own. This allows the cyst to gradually shrink and heal over time. This can take approximately 3 months.

For more information or to discuss this surgery in more detail with our dental veterinary surgeon, please contact us at the practice on 015394 88555 or visit the referrals section of our website at www.oakhillvetgroup.co.uk

What is included?

At Oakhill Vets we strive to ensure our surgeries are 'all inclusive' and so this surgery INCLUDES the following:

- Referral Consultation
- Pre-anaesthetic blood screen
- Hospitalisation (up to two nights total in the 24-hour pre/post-op period)
- Intravenous fluids during the anaesthetic and surgery
- General Anaesthesia
- Thorough oral assessment
- Dental x-rays
- Surgical treatment of the cyst.
- Post-operative medication (for up to two weeks)
- Post-operative examinations for 2 follow-up appointments

Complications and what is not included?

Cases involving other pathologies of the gingiva, such as tumours, will need to be discussed prior to or during surgery (sometimes we cannot see a lesion in the mouth until the animal is anaesthetised). Our 'all inclusive' pricing does not include costs associated with biopsy/removal of lesions or laboratory fees (such as histopathology) which are often necessary if an oral mass is found.

Post-operative complications are not common but are possible. While we endeavour to give you an up-front, all-inclusive estimate, when it comes to pets recovering from surgery there is unfortunately an element of unpredictability. Complications, which may incur additional costs include (but are not limited to):

- Tooth root fracture
- Post-operative wound breakdown
- Delayed haemorrhage
- Jaw fracture
- Nerve damage
- Persistent swelling or reformation of cyst.

Payment Options

Payment is expected in full at the time of consultation or upon discharge from Oakhill Vets. If your pet is insured, we would request that you pay for their treatment and claim the funds back from your insurance company. Once you have settled the cost of any treatment, we can help you complete your insurance claim form(s) at no additional charge. Direct claims may be arranged with some insurance companies and are subject to a check with our referral coordinators prior to your appointment. An administration fee is chargeable each time a direct claim is carried out by our referral coordinators.

Most insurance companies have exclusions for routine dental treatment; however, many dental conditions have an underlying cause which may be claimable. Examples of these are: Immune-mediated disease such as FCGS and CCUS, accidental injury (e.g. fractures), odontoclastic resorptive lesions (sometimes called tooth resorption or FORLs), tumours, **dentigerous cysts** and persistent deciduous teeth. Always check with your insurance provider regarding what dental cover they provide.

If you have any questions about payment, then please contact us prior to your consultation.

Why choose Oakhill Veterinary Referrals?

Oakhill Vets is based in Windermere in the beautiful Lake District. We are happy to take referrals from clients further afield. Let our friendly, highly skilled and experienced team of Veterinary Surgeons and Registered Veterinary Nurses look after your pet while you relax and enjoy a short break in The Lakes. For more details, please phone the practice and speak to one of our helpful referral coordinators on 015394 88555.