

## Information: Full Mouth Extractions for FCGS + AP

**Price: £1430 (+£200 for viral testing if necessary) For initial assessment/surgery  
(including VAT, February 2025)**



**Aggressive Periodontitis (AP).** This condition can start at 6-8 months of age. Another name for this condition is juvenile gingivitis, which may resolve with time and topical management. If this doesn't resolve, it can progress to AP, which is rapid extension of gingival inflammation to the periodontal tissues with/without tooth resorption. The main difference between this and FCGS is that the inflammation does NOT extend beyond the mucogingival junction (see photo on left). Diagnosis is made based on history, clinical findings, dental radiography and can be confirmed by biopsy. This disease may progress to FCGS, therefore requires long-term follow up.

**Feline Chronic Gingivostomatitis (FCGS)** is characterised by severe inflammation that extends beyond the gingiva to the mucosa, particularly towards the back of the mouth (see photo to the right). This is a multifactorial disease, the exact cause is unknown, but it is generally thought of as an inappropriate immune response to plaque bacteria. (i.e. an 'allergic reaction' to their own plaque), which can be worsened by viral infection (Calicivirus, Feline Immunodeficiency Virus, Feline Leukaemia Virus). Because teeth harbour plaque, they act as a constant presence to trigger this response, which is why the recommended first-line treatment is full mouth extractions. **Medical management without tooth extractions is often unrewarding long-term.**



**Unfortunately, because these conditions have no definitive cause, there is no way to effectively prevent them from happening.**

### Managing Aggressive Periodontitis and/or Feline Chronic Gingivostomatitis:

- The first line treatment for both conditions require a general anaesthetic and a thorough oral assessment which includes probing, charting, scaling and dental x-rays.
- A blood test will also be taken to check for underlying viral infections.
- Surgery: For AP, **selective or full mouth extractions** dependant on the case.
- Surgery: For FCGS, **full mouth extractions**. This initially is just the cheek teeth only (the canines and incisors left where possible).
- It is extremely important that these cases have **all root tissue removed**, as anything left behind will continue to cause inflammation. This can be very difficult in some cases, so we use pre- and post-extraction x-rays to confirm all roots have been successfully removed.
- Medications: Pre- and post-operative pain management. Anti-inflammatories +/- additional pain relief. Post-operative antibiotics.
- Follow-up checks to assess the long-term response to treatment.
- Further dental treatment may be needed in the future if not all the teeth have been removed.

It can take up to 4 months to see a full resolution. Some aggressive cases of FCGS may require their canine teeth removing or further long-term management with other medications.

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](http://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
- Viral blood testing (if not already done at referring vet practice)
- Hospitalisation (up to two nights total in the 24-hour pre/post-operative period)
- Intravenous fluids during the anaesthetic and surgery
- General Anaesthesia
- Thorough oral assessment
- Dental x-rays
- Surgical extractions
- Post-operative medication (for up to two weeks)
- Post-operative examinations for 2 follow-up appointments

## Complications and what is not included?

Because a small proportion of cats with this condition do not fully respond to surgical treatment alone, if there is any **long-term** medication required, this will not be included in the above price.

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

## 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.