

Information: Referral for Periodontal Therapy

Price: From £1100 (including VAT, February 2025)

In some cases of mild dental disease, there are surgical procedures we can perform to slow down the disease progression, so that we do not have to remove that tooth at that point in time. The ability to do this depends on the degree of gum disease, the health of the tooth and the ability to carry out daily toothbrushing at home.

Examples of cases where we would consider this kind of treatment:

Gingival hyperplasia (overgrown gums)



This is commonly seen in boxer dogs but can be seen in all breeds. Overgrowth of the gums can lead to 'pseudo pockets' which will trap plaque and increase the risk of gum disease.

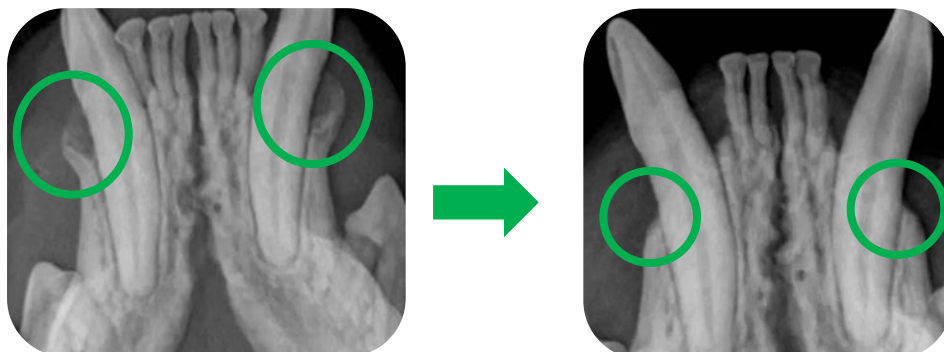
Treatment involves trimming and re-shaping the gums with specialist burs to reduce plaque-trapping. Biopsies are taken as some growths can be tumour tissue. As part of this problem is genetic, the gums may grow back and need subsequent procedures.

Mild periodontitis

Some cases of periodontitis may have a small degree of bone loss +/- gingival pocket +/- gum recession, but still an acceptable degree of overall tooth attachment. There are various procedures (including trimming, re-shaping, root planning and curettage) that can be performed to aim to slow down periodontal disease and preserve the tooth for as long as possible. These cases can vary a lot so discussion of the case prior to referral is necessary.

Alveolar bone expansion in cats.

When cats have periodontal disease, one of the features is expansion of the bone. This ends up creating a deeper and wider pocket, making it easier for plaque to get trapped and speed up the progression of the disease and therefore tooth loss. If we catch this at an early enough stage, when there is still enough attachment around the rest of the tooth, we can slow down the process. This is done by surgically re-shaping the bone and re-attaching the gum to create a normal shape and eliminate the pocket.



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
- Periodontal surgical treatment
- 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

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.