

Information: Referral for complicated extractions

Price: From £1185 (including VAT, April 2026)

There are many different reasons for an animal to require a tooth to be extracted. Some of these reasons, together with the specific tooth involved, mean that the anticipated surgery is likely to be challenging. We offer a referral service for extraction of teeth that may be technically demanding with a higher risk of complications.

Examples include:

Fractured teeth:

Extracting some fractured teeth can be challenging as often they are healthy, so still securely attached. Sometimes if the fracture is below the gumline, there is already a difficult root tip to remove.

Root fragments:

Whether a crown has fractured due to disease or during extraction, sometimes we are left with small root fragments which can be difficult to fully remove. Sometimes these fragments can end up in hard-to-reach places, like the mandibular canal, see picture 4.

Teeth with advanced resorptive lesions:

Extraction of teeth with resorptive lesions can sometimes be complicated. With type-1 (inflammatory) resorption, it is important to remove all the root tissue. If you have a similar case to picture 5, then you can see the tooth is already delicate and will likely break during removal. Cats often get resorptive lesions on the lower canine teeth. These teeth are arguably the hardest teeth to extract, due to the delicate, small amount of surrounding bone. Therefore, there is a higher risk of jaw fracture during this procedure.

Teeth with abnormal roots:

Some animals have teeth with extra roots or 'hooked' roots. If these teeth require extracting, they will be more technically challenging to remove than normally shaped teeth.

Advanced gum recession:

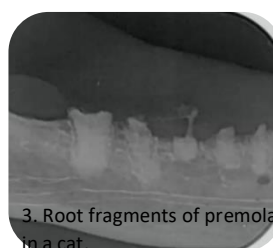
In some cases of advanced periodontal disease, the degree of gum recession can be very severe. This means closing the surgical site can be challenging. Incomplete closure can lead to further complications such as wound breakdown and fistula formation.



1. Crown fracture of a canine tooth in a dog which extends to the gumline.



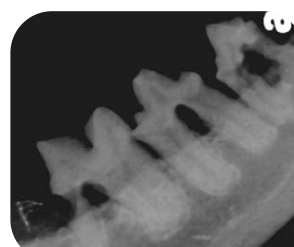
2. Root fracture of lower carnassial tooth in a dog.



3. Root fragments of premolars in a cat.



4. Root fragment that has fallen into the mandibular canal in a cat.



5. Severe resorptive lesions on the premolars of a cat.



6. Lower canine tooth root remnant due to resorption in a cat.



7. Dog lower carnassial tooth with dilacerated (hooked) tooth roots.



8. Cat with a 3-rooted lower premolar tooth (this tooth normally only has 2 roots).



9. Dog with severe periodontal disease resulting in a large degree of gum recession

Extractions in difficult breeds

Some breeds of dog are more challenging to perform dental treatment on. Common examples include small and toy breeds, as they have smaller mouths and more delicate bone. These breeds are also more prone to dental disease. Brachycephalic (short nosed) breeds can be challenging as their teeth don't sit in the normal position in the mouth, due to the shape of their face. Sighthounds such as greyhounds can also be challenging as they are prone to gum disease, yet their teeth are notoriously difficult to extract and their extraction sites prone to bleeding.

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 (not deciduous tooth removal, this is optional)
- 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 necessary (extractions)
- 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.