

EQUINE SPECIALITIES

One thing is for sure, mother nature did not design the horse's mouth for a bit and bridle and a horse's teeth can cause pain and discomfort when the horse is ridden. Not only that, any abnormalities of growth can interfere with normal lower jaw movement during riding and as a horse's teeth grow throughout their life, it is not surprising that there are many potential problems which can affect performance.

We have constant positive feedback from clients who have brought their horses to Kings Cross Road for a full dental examination under sedation. Not only are any dental problems addressed by the accurate removal of all sharp points, (there are up to 28 points on the upper teeth alone), the tables are balanced to allow maximum comfort during riding. The end result is that the horse's mouth is balanced and comfortable.

Performance Dentistry is much more than a routine rasp and has a great deal to offer clients who are serious about improving their horse's comfort and performance.



An interesting case recently involved a horse which had a nasty nasal discharge and subsequently developed quite severe nose-bleeds. This necessitated using an endoscope to see what was happening in the nasal cavity, so the horse came in to the Kings Cross Road surgery for light sedation and restraint in the specialised horse stocks. We discovered a fungal plaque, which is a fungal infection which erodes the nasal bones and with topical treatment, applied via the endoscope, this resolved completely. Very satisfying for Alistair, who dealt with the case. Infections like this can cause very severe symptoms and if the guttural pouches are involved, death can ensue from severe haemorrhage, without treatment.

Colt castrations at Parkside are routinely done under General Anaesthetic, because this reduces the incidence of complications associated with standing castration. This is because we can accurately tie off all blood vessels and prevent further bleeding. It only costs a little more than those done standing, but gives a great deal of peace-of-mind; and with less post-op problems, it might even cost less than you think! Remember there is more to the price of an op than the op itself!

DID YOU KNOW?

Mammary tumours are virtually unheard of in a bitch, spayed before her first season. They are common in older non-spayed bitches. (we recommend spaying at 6 months of age).

It's time for monthly flea prevention- use one that is 100% effective- from PARKSIDE

Mouth injuries from chasing sticks should always be fully checked out to avoid potentially serious throat complications many days or weeks later - p.s. don't throw sticks for your dog!

A new rabbit-care leaflet has been compiled by Parkside, for all rabbit owners. Please feel free to pop in and ask for a copy as it does contain many tips for keeping a healthy rabbit.

Cats are neutered at 6 months of age. If not, and they go out, females will be pregnant by 9 months of age, which is far too young! Please be responsible and avoid unplanned breeding.

A rabbit takes around 4 weeks to have babies, a bitch takes 9 weeks and a tiny Chinchilla takes 15 weeks!

At Parkside, Pups are fully vaccinated by 10 weeks of age if they have the first dose at 8 weeks. Your pup is not protected with only one injection.

More and more people are identifying their pet with a microchip, so they will be re-united if ever lost. We use Tracer microchips and this is inserted in the same way as an injection - cheaper than you might think!



Go to our web site and join our e-club by filling out your e-mail address and receive FREE monthly news, information and offers from Parkside. To get things rolling, we will have a prize draw every month for new members. Win a bottle of fizzy! You can follow the e-Club link from our home page at www.parksidevets.com

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All Consultations by Appointment

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