



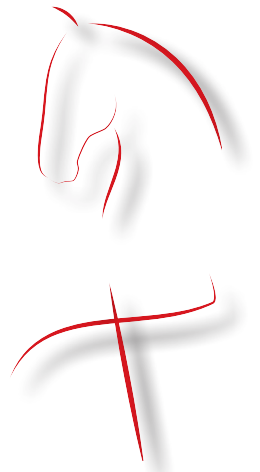
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The Dental Visit

Good equine dental management is imperative for your horse's health. Here is a guide to the dental visit.

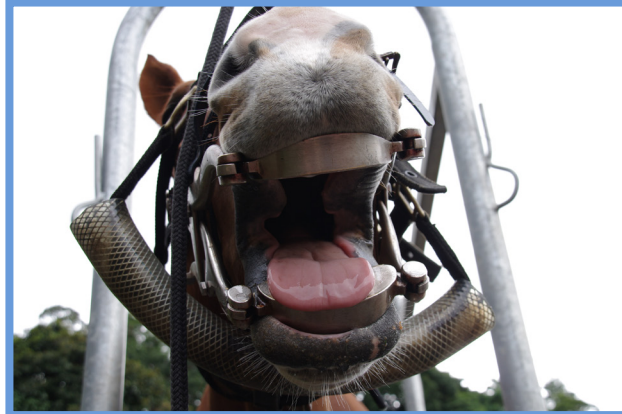
Who would want to have dental work without pain relief? A qualified vet can inject a small amount of pain relief before the dental examination and for nervous horses can also administer a drug to calm anxiety if necessary.



For horse and human safety a crush is used to contain and support the horse.

You can practice guiding your horse into a confined space before your horse's dental visit; you could use a row of barrels parallel to a fence, for instance, but make sure you have an escape route just in case your horse should shoot forward or sideways.

When the crush arrives on the day, give them time to check it out before walking them through.



A speculum is used to hold the jaws apart, allowing the whole mouth to be examined for disease or abnormalities, even the hard to reach back teeth!

The way we feed horses (concentrated feed stuffs, raised feed bins, haynets, etc.) leads to abnormal wear and tear on the teeth and the development of sharp enamel points. Floating

removes the overgrown areas of teeth, restoring the natural biting and grinding pattern to them.



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