

What to expect from a dental visit:

- **External examination**

Physical exam assessing the horse's overall condition.

- **Intra-oral examination**

Once a light sedation has been given. A speculum is fitted to the horse's mouth and the mouth is thoroughly rinsed.

- Soft tissue structures (tongue, gums etc.)
- Occlusion/malocclusion of all teeth
- The periodontal status (the tissues immediately surrounding the teeth)
- The endodontal status (the structures in the tooth itself) with the mirror to detect changes indicating deeper problems

- **Odontoplasty (teeth "floating")**

Careful removal of sharp enamel points, reduction of malocclusions, and balancing of the dental arcades.

- **Additional diagnostics or treatments**

The examination findings may indicate the need for further diagnostics such as digital radiographs or treatments such as peridontal flushing.

- **Charting and planning**

A dental chart is completed documenting the examination results, procedures performed, and future recommendations.

Call today to schedule a dental examination for your horse - prevent more painful and costly problems later!

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