

## 4. DENTISTRY

**Objective:** The veterinary practice provides safe veterinary dentistry services that adhere to current clinical standards. Veterinary dentistry involves the examination, diagnosis, and treatment of diseases of the oral cavity. This may involve sedation, anesthesia, analgesia, antibiotic therapy, radiology as well as surgical and other interventions. Oral health care is a vital component of a preventive health care program.

Note: Only a Board-certified specialist (e.g., diplomate of the American Veterinary Dental College (Dipl AVDC) may use the term 'veterinary dental specialist.'

### B. COMPANION ANIMAL DENTISTRY Requirements

	YES	NO	N/A
1. A selection of diagnostic and treatment equipment appropriate for the range of species to be treated is available.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. When oral surgical procedures are performed, including tooth extraction, appropriate equipment is available for the species treated.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. When oral hygiene procedures are performed, appropriate equipment is available for the species treated.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Instruments and equipment are appropriately maintained, including cleaning, disinfection and sterilization as appropriate.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. All team members using dental equipment are trained in the proper use and maintenance of equipment.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is available to reduce exposure to potentially harmful oral bacteria and debris.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Medical records of dental procedures are maintained and recorded.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. An allocated dental space is available for dental procedures to reduce contamination of other areas and minimize aerosol contamination. When dental procedures are performed in a facility, they are performed in a room separate from the surgical suite. Dental procedures include surgical extraction of teeth. This is not applicable to surgical mobile for companion animals.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>N/A</b>
9. Sterilized dental packs are available and in sufficient quantity for the caseload.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Appropriate lighting suitable for illuminating the oral cavity is available.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><b>Notes Section: Where applicable, list the equipment and supplies at your facility that are used to provide dentistry services. Describe the processes/procedures in place at your facility to meet the requirement.</b></p>			