

Why Choose Animal Dental Care?

The most common reason for pets to "act old" isn't old age, it is pain from dental disease.

Caring. Competent. Convenient.

The Animal Dental Care staff is here to make you and your pet feel comfortable every step of the way—before care, during care and after care. We are committed to treating your pet's pain, and address each step of treatment with care and concern.

Dr. Woodward is an expert in the field, and he's the only veterinary dentist in southern Colorado—right here in your backyard. At Animal Dental Care, it's our business to know everything there is to know about your pet's dental care.

Our entire staff respects the bond between people and their pets. We understand that for many people their pets are valued family members, and that is how we treat them.



Your Pet is Begging You to Give Us a Call

It's important to prioritize your pet's dental health. In addition to undiagnosed pain, long-term consequences include a variety of health risks such as heart, liver, and kidney disease. This translates to a reduced quality of life for your pet, which is easily preventable!

Give us a call today at **(719) 536-9949** to schedule a dental check-up, or visit our web site at www.wellpets.com for additional information.



The Doctor Is In

Dr. Tony M. Woodward, DVM, AVDC

A 1981 graduate of Colorado State University's School of Veterinary Medicine, Dr. Woodward

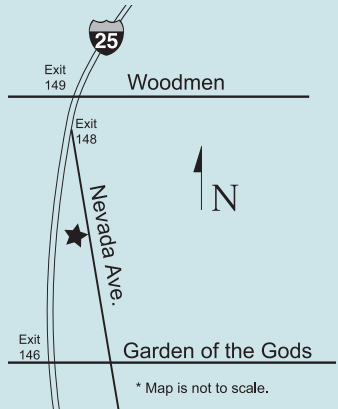
has practiced veterinary medicine in Colorado since that time. Since June 2000, Dr. Woodward has limited his practice strictly to veterinary dentistry. Dr. Woodward is Board Certified in Veterinary Dentistry, and is a Diplomate of the American Veterinary Dental College. He has obtained over 2,000 hours of dental specific education, and is one of just over 100 board-certified veterinarians in the world.

The vet who teaches other vets

Many veterinarians refer their patients in need of dental care to Dr. Woodward. And no wonder. Dr. Woodward is a frequent national lecturer on dental topics. He's actively involved in continuing education, sharing his expertise and knowledge with other veterinarians and technicians. In fact, every year he teaches hundreds of other vets across the country the ins and outs of proper dental care.



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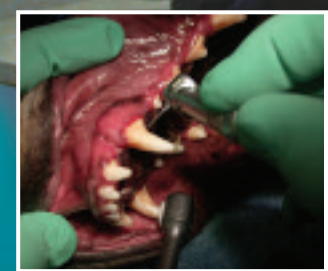


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Healthy teeth. Healthy pets.



Practice Limited to Veterinary Dentistry

Pets need dental care, too.

Your cat or dog can't tell you when they're in pain. Occasionally there are signs such as odor, bleeding or pawing at the face—even altered eating and playing behaviors—but *in most instances there are no obvious signs*. Your pet has to deal with the pain, and simply acts older. What most owners *do* notice is the improvement in how their pet acts when painful dental problems are recognized and treated appropriately. The odds are very high that your pet has a painful problem in the mouth. Just take a look at these facts:

- Most dogs and cats over age five have at least one painful tooth in their mouth.
- Approximately 70% of dogs and cats are in need of some level of dental care.
- 80% of dogs and cats over five years of age have periodontal disease. It's the most commonly diagnosed medical condition in dogs and cats.
- 80% of cats over 5 years of age have at least one painful cavity near (or under) the gum line.
- Without dental X-rays, most painful dental problems will be missed.



It makes sense to schedule a check-up with a veterinarian specializing in dental care. Dr. Woodward and his staff are equipped and educated to find and treat all forms of dental disease, including many painful conditions that are frequently overlooked. Dentistry is not a small part of our practice, **it is all we do**.

At Animal Dental Care, our goal is to eliminate the pain and fix the problem, while keeping your pet comfortable every step of the way.

Individual Treatment

Treatment for dental diseases varies from pet to pet, and should be assessed after dental x-rays and careful consideration of your pet's age, breed, and individual circumstances. From saving teeth to warding off future infection, we work with you to select a treatment method that will achieve the best results. We are up-to-date with the latest treatment options and procedures, ensuring the best possible outcome. And, because preventive oral care can reduce the formation of plaque, reduce the recurrence of dental diseases, and help maintain proper oral health, all owners receive complete instruction for proper home care.

Anesthetic Safety

Dental treatment in veterinary patients requires general anesthesia, which is of great concern to many owners. Rest assured that no one is more concerned about your pet's anesthetic safety than we are. Our well trained staff combined with modern equipment gives us an excellent safety record. Sophisticated monitoring equipment gives us a constant look at your pet's EKG, blood oxygenation, core body temperature, respiration, and blood pressure. In fact, many veterinarians refer their higher risk patients to us. We are happy to discuss any concerns you might have about anesthetic safety, or any portion of your pet's treatment plan.

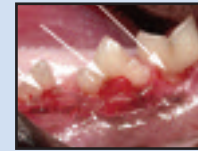
Common Problems. Uncommonly Good Treatment.



Periodontal Disease

Catching periodontal disease in its early stages can save teeth and prevent pain.

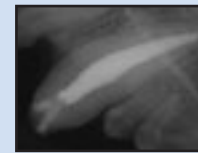
- the most commonly diagnosed medical condition in dogs and cats
- allows infection that destroys gums and bone
- the most common reason for pets to lose teeth



Feline Tooth Resorption or "Feline Cavities"

A condition unique to cats, 80% of cats over 5 years of age have at least one of these painful cavities.

- creates defects in the tooth
- cells gradually destroy tooth structure and replace it with bone
- painful nerve tissue is frequently exposed
- teeth can snap off, leaving an infected root in the jaw



Root Canal Treatment

Root canal treatment is far less traumatic than extraction.

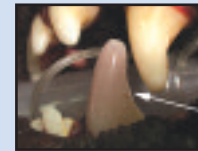
- when exposed by trauma, the nerve chamber becomes a painful reservoir of infection that the body cannot heal on its own
- especially valuable for teeth important for chewing (such as molars) or teeth whose extraction would involve removal of large amounts of bone, such as the canine teeth (fangs)



Fractured Teeth

Usually painful, all fractured teeth should be X-rayed and treated appropriately, even if the pet shows no signs of discomfort.

- exposure of the nerve chamber leads to internal infection and death of the tooth
- fractured teeth may lead to the loss of adjacent teeth
- even small fractures can expose the underlying dentin layer of the tooth, causing pain and allowing infection inside the tooth



Discolored Teeth

Trauma, infection, excessive wear, and developmental problems are only a few of the causes of discolored teeth.

- most discolored teeth are dead and require treatment
- dead tissue inside the tooth leaks from the end of the root, causing inflammation and root damage
- may lead to painful infection inside the tooth