

POST DENTAL EXTRACTION CARE

RICHMOND RIVER EQUINE
VETERINARY SERVICES




RICHMOND RIVER
EQUINE VETERINARY SERVICES

DENTAL EXTRACTION

Any horses that have teeth removed by Nikita at RREVS will have had the procedure conducted under a standing sedation with local anaesthetic, pain relief and sometimes antibiotics. We will have ensured they are up to date with tetanus or covered with an antitoxin.

For wolf teeth removal, aftercare is minimal, we recommend a bit is not used for 5-10 days however to facilitate healing and prevent any pain for the horse. Time taken depends on the size of the teeth.

Horses that have had cheek teeth (molars or premolars) extracted necessitate a more intensive post-treatment regimen. Subsequent care typically involves several days of pain relief medication, and may or may not include antibiotics.. We recommend a follow-up examination within two to four weeks to assess the horse's progress. If the alveolus (tooth socket) was packed, your veterinarian will likely perform its removal during this visit.



GUIDELINES FOR POST-DENTAL EXTRACTION CARE

We've assembled these guidelines to provide you with clear instructions for post-dental extraction care. This information will help you understand the necessary steps to take after the extraction procedure.

- Refrain from providing any feed or water for a minimum of 6 hours after the extraction to facilitate the formation of a clot within the socket.
- Ideally, feed the horse only grass, but if not possible, a mash feed is acceptable.
- Avoid giving stalky hay for a period of 2-3 weeks.
- Commence daily irrigation of the socket using a hose starting 48 hours after the extraction and continue until the recheck appointment.
- Pain relief medication will be administered as per our prescription, typically for a few days following the extraction.
- A follow-up examination is necessary in 2-3 weeks for all extraction cases to evaluate the progress of socket healing. By this point, the socket should exhibit robust granulation, and often, the horse's overall condition will have markedly improved. Complete healing of the socket typically occurs within 6 weeks.

