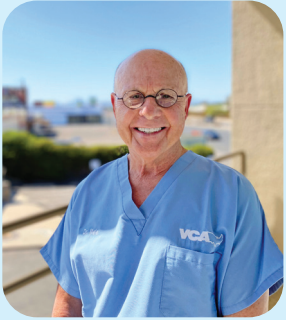


Meet Our Dental Veterinarian



Rocco Mele, DVM

Dr. Rocco Mele has been a veterinary practitioner for over 45 years and is actively involved in all aspects of Veterinary Dental Specialty Services for the past 20 years. Dr. Mele has had the opportunity to be in the forefront of the development of new and innovative bone grafting techniques, materials, and dental implantology. Collaboration with leading researchers, human oral surgeons, and biomaterial engineers, gives Dr. Mele opportunity to implement innovative techniques and materials into his oral surgical protocols for cats and dogs.



Ask your veterinarian what's best for your pet.

HOME DENTAL CARE

Things to help ensure good dental health for your pet:

- Pet food formulated to remove plaque and tartar
- Scientifically proven products - listed at VOHC.org
- Treats and chew toys that promote good dental health - ask your veterinarian
- Not letting your pet chew on items that can damage teeth (rocks, metal gates, etc.)
- Proper tooth-brushing technique - ask your veterinarian
- Regular dental check-ups and cleanings from a veterinary dental specialist

Our hospital maintains the highest standards of pet healthcare available. When you bring your pet to our hospital, you can be confident your pet will receive the very best care from our friendly, dedicated staff

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The dangers of gum disease

Why does my pet need dental care?

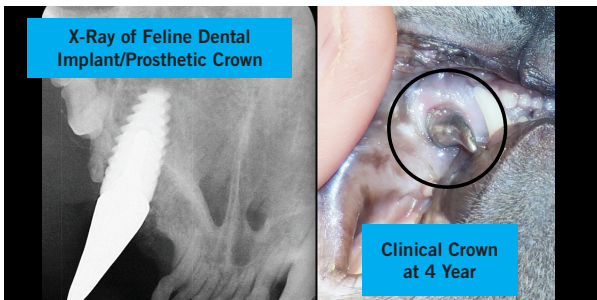
Dental disease affects approximately 75% of all pets over the age of three. It can cause your pet discomfort and pain, and left untreated, it can lead to tooth loss. More importantly, the mouth is the “gateway” for bacteria to enter the bloodstream and potentially trigger other serious systemic diseases, so a healthy mouth is an essential preventive measure.

Common signs of dental disease include:

- Bad breath
- Pain while eating
- Bleeding or reddened gums
- Drooling
- Gum recession
- Tooth loss

Dental disease begins as gingivitis, an inflammation of the gums caused by plaque buildup. Without proper dental care, this can develop into periodontitis, inflammation of the structures that support the teeth.

Advanced veterinary dentistry falls into five major categories: periodontics, endodontics, oral medicine/oral surgery, orthodontics and prosthodontics/restoration.



VCA Valley Animal Hospital and Emergency Center is equipped with the latest state-of-the-art technology such as Digital Radiography, Dental Ultrasonic Scalers, Advanced Micro Oral Surgical Instrumentation, Advanced Imaging Equipment (CT).

Our services:

- **Dental Examinations and Cleaning**
- **Dental and Oral Surgical Consults**
- **Oral Surgery:** Complex Surgical Extractions, Jaw Fracture Repair, Palatal Defect and Oronasal Fistula Repair, Dental Advanced Bone Grafting, Immune Mediated Oral Disease Evaluation and Treatment, Traumatic Teeth Injuries, and Oral Cancer Surgery
- **Digital Radiology:** Utilizing Digital dental radiology, we can assess and evaluate dental disease, oral tumors, and fractures. The use of dental x-rays is essential in Veterinary Dentistry
- **Endodontics:** Root Canal Therapy, Vital Pulpectomy
- **Implant Restorations:** Immediate and Staged Dental Implants (Dogs/Cats) Implant Supported Bridges (Dogs)
- **Maxillary and Mandibular Reconstruction**
- **Oral Cancer & CT:** Diagnosis and Treatment Planning
- **Periodontal Treatment:** Gingivectomy, Guided Bone Regeneration, Gum Recession, Oral Cancer Screening, Oral Pathology and Biopsy, and Periodontal Maintenance

- **Orthodontics:** Occlusion Adjustment (tooth movement)
- **Restorations and Crowns:** Includes inlay and onlay restorations, cast metal and tooth colored crowns, esthetic bonding, bridges and implants to replace a single tooth or multiple diseased teeth.

Dental diets

Dry food is generally better than canned food for tooth health. Ask us about specially formulated pet foods designed to combat plaque and tartar buildup.

Chew bones

For dogs, chewing raw or “rawhide” bones helps keep teeth and gums clean. Always avoid cooked bones as they can splinter and may be dangerous if swallowed.

