



My Pet Needs a Crown?

A full metal crown restoration is the best option to help maintain the integrity of your pet's tooth. It is recommended for teeth that have received root canal therapy or have significant structural damage due to inappropriate chewing.

Placement of a full metal crown is comprised of two separate anesthetic procedures. In order to maintain a proper fit and a good bite, a crown preparation is performed which removes a small portion of the tooth's surface. Once the crown preparation is completed, detailed impressions of the tooth are taken. These impressions are then sent to a dental laboratory which casts and creates your pet's custom full metal crown. It typically takes two weeks for the crown to be completed and returned to our office for cementation. During this time it is important that your pet remain on a soft diet, and refrain from chewing on any hard toys/treats to protect the tooth from further damage.

The second brief anesthetic procedure is the crown cementation. Once the crown is received, it is inspected to ensure proper fit. Next, it is permanently cemented on the tooth. Your pet will resume his or her regular activities and return to a normal diet.

There are many benefits to having a full metal crown restoration. One reason is to protect the investment of the root canal therapy. Loss of tooth structure can result in a tooth that may fracture again. Teeth that have undergone root canal therapy and crown restoration have a higher success rate compared to teeth without a crown. Just ask your dentist! A crown is always recommended to protect the tooth. A crown can also aid in preventing damage of a vital tooth that has been worn by aggressive chewing.

Your pet's crown restoration will accumulate plaque as would a normal tooth's surface; therefore it is important to keep up with normal home care as instructed. The gold standard for your pet's crown will include daily brushing. The use of an oral rinse, and chews/treats approved by the Veterinary Oral Health Council will also aid in the prevention of tartar. It is recommended that your pet return for an annual prophylaxis (cleaning) and dental radiographs. If you chose to take your pet to your referring veterinarian for annual dental visits, please have them contact our office for the care of the full metal crown restoration.