

Face to Face with the Rotten Tooth



Did you know that 8 out of 10 of our patients have dental disease and only 2 receive treatment?

Often the presenting complaint is one of a breath stopping you in your tracks, but the earlier silent preamble to this is overlooked and ignored. By the time Fido can kill you with his breath, his breath has slowly been killing him. Bacteria distributed from his mouth in the bloodstream with every bite he takes, is accumulating on the heart valves and in the kidneys.

“Ag nee, doc. He’s old and it is too expensive to do anything about his teeth now.”

Early intervention combats both these arguments. Regular scaling and polishing of teeth will keep calculus under control and the bacteria, attacking the gums and cement to loosen the teeth, have no hiding place.

“Oh no, sedation, scaling and polishing sounds too fancy for Fido – let’s give the dog a bone! I mean, that’s what they have been used to all these years.”

A lot of domestication has taken place over these last years. Can you imagine a Yorkie chasing an impala for lunch? The awful truth about bones is that they break teeth. Research has shown that wild dogs die at a younger age domestic dogs, due to tooth abscesses which lead to starvation.

Before



After

