

# DENTAL CROWN TREATMENT

There are many indications for dental crown treatment. The most conventional reason veterinarians use crowns is to protect a tooth from trauma. A fractured tooth that has undergone root canal therapy or whose canal is healthy and uncompromised, may be a candidate for crown treatment. Developmental injuries such as enamel hypoplasia, causing tooth sensitivity and the predisposition for fractures, may also be prime candidates for crown treatment. If your pet has a tooth for which a crown is a recommended therapy, there are several steps involved. **If a crown is used over a tooth that has been fractured into the pulp, a root canal treatment will be performed prior to crown preparation.**

**STEP 1:** While anesthetized, your pet's tooth will be properly contoured by removing a small amount of enamel in order to allow a proper fit for the crown.



**STEP 2:** We will make impressions of the individual tooth as well as the entire bite, in order to make stone models and a crown that will fit perfectly!



**STEP 3:** Your pet will return in 2 weeks for a brief anesthetized placement of the crown.



Titanium crown (silver)



Zirconium Crown (tooth colored)

After placement of the crown, your pet will have full function of this tooth and can chew on any APPROPRIATE toy or surface. We do not recommend tug of war games or hard chew toys such as real bones and hard plastic toys.



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