



**Bluebonnet Animal Hospital is now offering the best in veterinary dental care, digital dental radiographs (x-rays).**

The benefits of digital dental x-rays cannot be understated. While we can gain a great deal of information from gross examination of the teeth, one cannot truly know the health of a tooth without x-ray imaging that enables us to visualize the roots, ligaments that attach the roots to the underlying bone, surrounding bone, and the nerves.

Specifically, x-rays enable us to see what are known as resorptive lesions, which are areas of bone loss within a tooth root and/or its surrounding bone. These types of lesions are indications that an affected tooth has become more of a liability to a pet than a benefit. They are a common source of chronic infection, ongoing loss of bone, and pain and should be extracted.

A recent study has shown that 24% of dental lesions in dogs and 42% in cats are routinely missed when dental x-ray is not used to aid in assessing the health of teeth.

In cases where teeth necessitate extraction, post extraction x-rays are used to be certain the entire root of a given tooth have been removed. Retained root material remains a source of ongoing pain for the pet and can lead to abscess (pocket of infection) formation within the jaw bone.

At Bluebonnet Animal Hospital we strive to offer your pet the best in veterinary care.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes! I would like my pet to receive full mouth digital dental radiographs and catch problems early. (An additional \$95)

\_\_\_\_\_ No. I would not like my pet to receive full mouth digital dental radiographs and understand the risks associated with this.

**It is the policy of Bluebonnet Animal Hospital that if the veterinarian suspects a tooth needs to be extracted; we will take before and after radiographs.**

**Pet's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of pet owner** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

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