

Linguoverted Mandibular Canine teeth

Linguoverted canine teeth (base narrow canines) is one of the most common orthodontic concerns in veterinary dentistry.

This condition occurs when the lower canine teeth are displaced and contact the roof of the mouth. Left untreated, it can lead to severe damage, including an oronasal fistula - a communication between the mouth and nose.

Treatment options depend on factors such as age, severity, position of the teeth and underlying causes. Early intervention can prevent pain and long-term complications.

Here's a general guideline on treatment options and when they may be needed.



4 1/2 to 5 1/2 months: Erupting Permanent Teeth

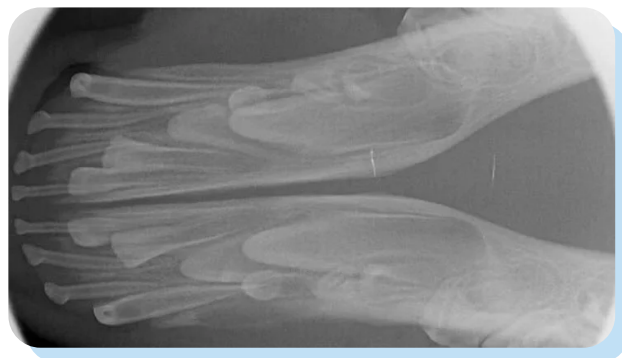
By this stage, permanent canine teeth should be erupting. It is essential that deciduous teeth are not persistent (still present), as this can worsen the malocclusion and block adult teeth from moving into the correct position. Immediate removal of these persistent teeth may allow natural correction.

Gentle guidance techniques, such as supervised ball therapy with dense rubber balls, can help reposition erupting teeth. This works by applying lateral pressure to encourage the lower canines to shift outward into a more natural position.

For some dogs, minor surgical adjustments like a gingivoplasty procedure or early orthodontic treatment such as crown extensions may be recommended to redirect the teeth as they emerge.

Ensuring comfort & wellbeing

With early detection and proper treatment, dogs with linguoverted canine teeth will live pain-free. A veterinary dental specialist can help determine the best course of action for your pet's long-term comfort and health.



6-12 Weeks

Puppies with linguoverted deciduous (baby) teeth may experience pain each time they close their mouths. Extraction of the deciduous mandibular canine teeth at this age can provide relief and, in specific cases allow the jaw to reach its full growth potential removing the need for treatment of the permanent teeth. However, this is often a palliative solution and further treatment may be needed once the adult teeth erupt.



> 6 months: Erupted permanent teeth

If early interventions fail, more advanced, definitive treatments are now considered. The options include:

- **Height Reduction & Vital Pulpotomy:**
This involves shortening the lower canine teeth and placing a protective filling to prevent them from contacting the roof of the mouth and causing trauma. This requires lifelong monitoring and is ideally performed at 8 months of age.
- **Orthodontic Inclined Plane:**
A custom-fitted acrylic device that gradually guides the lower canines into their correct position. This method has minimal long-term risks.
- **Tooth Extraction:**
Extraction offers another alternative to eliminate discomfort and alleviate trauma. This procedure may result in some cosmetic changes but predictably resolves the problem for your pet.





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