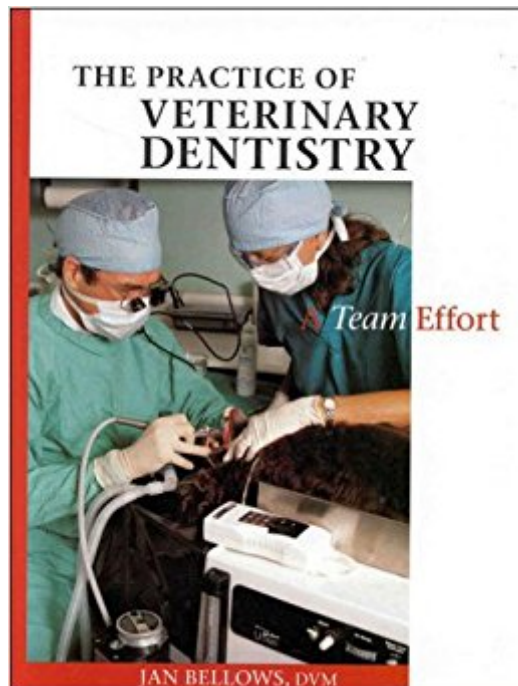




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# The Practice Of Veterinary Dentistry: A Team Effort



## Synopsis

As business competitiveness increases in veterinary medicine, comprehensive veterinary dental service has become a key to success for many practitioners. Yet, historically, dentistry has been a neglected aspect of veterinary training. This book fills the need for dentistry information. It explains how to: Integrate dentistry into a general practice; Understand important dental principles; Acquire and use proper equipment; Perform or refer procedures in endodontics, periodontal surgery and orthodontics; Train staff in care of dental patients and owners; Teach owners the importance of dentistry to overall animal health. The book also emphasises the cooperative role between veterinarian and client in maintaining animal dental health and rendering proper preventative and corrective procedures.

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Pioneer in veterinary dentistry, as well as inhalation anesthesia, heartworm testing, allergy testing and treatment, cardiac drugs, and improved methods for diagnosing internal parasitism. When you observe a dental problem at any stage of its development, you must advise immediate treatment to keep it from progressing. Lesions worsen with neglect. Bacteria, when left untreated, will multiply, producing by products that destroy supporting bone, which can lead to untreatable dental disease and multiple-organ failure. Unfortunately, veterinarians do not receive much dental education in veterinary school. Here is a very practical book, with over 400 figures, that will help you develop your own veterinary dental practice. When the proper dental program is put into effect and is

supported by empowered clinic staff, a dental practice is created that provides improved patient care and clinic income. The Practice of Veterinary Dentistry: A Team Effort will enable you To understand dental principles that were not taught in veterinary school. To conduct an effective oral examination. To acquire and use the proper equipment, including the dental radiograph unit. To understand endodontics, periodontal surgery, orthodontics, and feline oral care. To train staff so that they can care for dental patients and professional teeth cleaning. To propose your recommendations to pet owners so that they will understand and accept needed therapy for their animals.

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This book is disappointing in its scholarship. I had hoped it would contain more up to date information on state of the art techniques, but instead it is aimed mostly at explaining basic dentistry and book-keeping skills. Every veterinarian should have a dentistry text, but I think Holmstrom's 1998 book is more comprehensive and informative.

For vets and techs, this volume gives reasons for dental care, explicit photos and ways to deal with clients. The excellent index allows easy access to the book.

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