

Case Report Instructions EMSAVM / MASVM Dentistry

General instructions

- Case reports, written in prose, must be in a problem-oriented approach and include a complete presentation of the case, illustrations where necessary, literature review on the subject with references and a discussion. Candidates must demonstrate a comprehensive understanding of the topic.
- A case report should contain 2000 words +/- 10%, excluding tables, references and appendix.
- The 10 cases must be a mixture of various species, problems and diagnosis, all pertaining to the selected master's program. Candidates are required to keep a table of the already submitted cases which shall be send with each new case report submission. The ESAVS Office will provide an Excel template for the table below:

Case Nr.	Species	Problem/s	Diagnosis

- Candidates are advised to submit cases shortly after beginning and throughout the program and not all cases at the end of the program.
- ESAVS cannot guarantee the evaluation of more than 3 case reports per semester. To ensure an evaluation in a specific semester, reports should be submitted no later than the given deadline for the respective semester (please see Important Dates on the ESAVS website).

Cases should be set out under the following headings:

- Title
- Signalement
- Case History
- Physical Examination
- Differential diagnosis and final diagnosis
- Medical and surgical treatments
- Post-operative care
- Results and control
- Discussion of case in relation to current literature (no repetition of literature but a discussion why the case fits or does not fit what is known)
- References
- Pictures, including captions (if necessary)

Each case report is viewed by one member of the Examination Board and graded on a 0-20 scale (<10= fail, 10-11.9 = sufficient, 12-13.9 = fair, 14-15.9 = good, 16-17.9 = very good, 18-20 = excellent).



Evaluation of a case report

Step 1: Is the case report acceptable?

Is the case described in the report suitable at all? Reasons to reject a case are:

- A case is too simple (e.g. professional dental cleaning in a dog or cat)
- Lack of an adequate number of state of the art clinical tests to arrive at a diagnosis (or at least a presumptive diagnosis). The case could be resubmitted when the lacking information can be retrieved.
- Inadequate surgical technique
- The animal's life was endangered by excessive/unnecessary diagnostic tests or treatments (including surgery). Such a case cannot be resubmitted.
- A case that falls not within the specified master program
- Most diagnostic tests and interpretation are done by a referring veterinarian
- Inadequate follow-up of a case (e.g. diagnosis reached after euthanasia with no follow-up available)
- Multiple cases all with the same problems or diagnosis
- After submission of certain number of the case reports the candidate should pay attention at adequate representation in terms of problems, species and categories.
- Cases not seen during the enrollment in the program of the master student or where the master student is not the primary responsible clinician
- A case in which there is plagiarism or simple repetition of other submitted case reports
- When techniques applied in patient treatment are controversial or not accepted in standard veterinary dentistry.

If a case is rejected the case report is assigned 0 points. The reason will be stated in the evaluation.

Step 2: Grading of the accepted case report

The case report will be evaluated based on a check sheet

An accepted case can reach a maximum of 20 points. A minimum of 10 points is required to pass.

The check sheet (see below) contains a list of 12 potential inadequacies. For each one the examiner can allocate a number of points. At the end a total number of points are given.

Recommendations for the candidate to avoid deduction of points:

- Make sure the history is sufficient both: general and dental/maxillofacial.
- Give all details of the physical exam, apply the standard methods used for veterinary dentistry (dental chart, intraoral radiography etc)
- Reported tests need to be relevant for the animal: XRays, CT
- Explain how you came to the diagnosis
- Be precise in the description of the treatment, use the medical terms/professional language suggested during courses, avoid common language (e.g. "the tooth was extracted" instead of "the tooth was pulled out" or "the patient did not express any discomfort" instead of "the patient was happy")
- Discuss the case do not just repeat text book knowledge! Bring relevant literature to justify your treatment
- Be sure your treatment was appropriate and discuss the alternative options
- Be precise about results and complications
- Follow standards backed up by evidence based medicine



Case Report Evaluation Check Sheet / Dentistry

Grading Criteria:

For students who have enrolled in a Master of Advanced Studies in Veterinary Medicine (MASVM) or European Master of Small Animal Veterinary Medicine (EMSAVM) program **before the winter semester 2024-2025**, the following grading criteria apply:

- The grades of the individual case reports are averaged to obtain one single grade. When this average grade is **below 10**, candidates are requested to resubmit revised versions of the failed case reports or new cases.
- A case report may not be acceptable and may be rejected if critical concerns in one (or several) areas result in a fail, regardless of whether all other required criteria are adequately met.

For students who have enrolled in a Master of Advanced Studies in Veterinary Medicine (MASVM) program for the first time **from the winter semester 2024-2025 onwards**, the following **new** grading criteria apply:

- 1. Pass = 10 points and more
- 2. Fail (case report insufficient) = below 10 points
 - modifications required resubmission possible
 - case report insufficient 0 points resubmission of this case report not possible a new case report needs to be submitted
- **IMPORTANT:** the **average grade** for the module must be **13 points or higher** and none of the case reports must be graded below 10 points.
- A case report may not be acceptable and may be rejected if critical concerns in one (or several) areas result in a fail, regardless of whether all other required criteria are adequately met

The maximum grade of a case report is 20 points. The second column indicates the maximum number of points that can be reached.

In the third column the examiner indicates the number of achieved points, half points may also be allocated.



	Maximum points	Allocated points
Complete signalment, history and physical examination Comments:	1	
Oral and maxillofacial examination Comments:	1	
Choice of tests and assessment Comments:	1	
Quality representation of diagnostic tests (e.g. radiographs, photographs) Comments:	2	
Correct or justified diagnosis Comments:	2	
Adequate or appropriate medical management Comments:	2	
Adequate oral / dental treatment Comments:	4	
Adequate anaesthetic and analgesic management Comments:	2	
Adequate follow-up for the case report to be meaningful Comments:	1	
Appropriate discussion, adequately referenced Comments:	2	
Language and word count adequate Comments:	1	
Special features not covered above Comments:	1	
TOTAL POINTS / GRADE	20	

There is no "perfect" case and thus the attached example should be viewed more as how to present your case.

For another example, please see this article in the JVD:

Ignacio Velazquez-Urgel, Melissa D. Sanchez, Mary E. Buelow, Lenin A. Villamizar-Martinez and Alexander M. Reiter, Dipl. Tzt.: Maxillary and Mandibular Peripheral Odontogenic Fibromas (Fibromatous Epulides of Periodontal Ligament Origin) in a Cat; Journal of Veterinary Dentistry 2018, Vol. 35(4) 251-257, DOI: 10.1177/0898756418812100

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Case report

Candidates name:
Program: Master of Advanced Studies in Veterinary Medicine / Dentisti
Case report Number:
Date of submission:
Word count:

Persistent deciduous maxillary canines and malocclusion class I in a dog

Signalement: Dog "Charly", wire-haired Dachshund, male, born 01/03/2020 (6.5 months of age), dark grey with brown, 4 kg

Case history: The pet owner obtained the dog at the age of 3 months at a breeder. During the first weeks, the dog had no problems with the deciduous dentition. He lost his first deciduous tooth at the age of 14 weeks and at 6 months his permanent dentition was complete. As the owners checked the teeth quite regularly, they soon realized that the dog still had his deciduous maxillary canines while the permanent ones had already erupted. The private veterinarian told the owners that the deciduous canines would certainly fall out soon and that they should not worry too much. However, the pet owners wanted a second opinion on that matter and made an appointment at our clinic.

Physical examination: the dog was bright, alert and responsive, all vital parameters were within normal ranges and no abnormalities in cardiac and thoracic auscultation were detected.

Extraoral examination: The skull and the face were symmetric; no discrepancies in maxillary and mandibular jaw length could be seen. Mobility of the mandible in lateral and rostro-caudal direction as well as the jaw opening was normal. There was no swelling in the facial area and no nasal or ocular discharge. Lymph nodes were of normal size.

Intraoral examination: The dog showed a complete permanent dentition. The incisors occluded correctly in a scissors bite, with the mandibular incisors touching the cingulum of maxillary incisors. Interdigitation of premolar teeth was normal. No teeth were missing but the maxillary deciduous canines were still present with their permanent successors erupting mesial to them. The mandibular canines exhibited a grade 1 linguoversion (Fig.1), which resulted in the crown tip resting in the gingiva labial to the alveolar ridge. Due to the mesioversion of the maxillary canines, the diastema was too narrow to fully accommodate the mandibular canines.

Case assessment: The persistent deciduous maxillary canines are responsible for the mesioversion of the permanent maxillary canines because they act like a barrier. In consequence, the maxillary diastema is too narrow for the lower canine crowns which are also slightly linguoverted. The dog has a dental malocclusion

class I with bilateral mesioversion of maxillary canines and linguoversion of mandibular canines while maxillary and mandibular dental arches show a normal relationship.

Since the persistent maxillary canines are completely fixed and not mobile, it can be anticipated that they will not fall out on their own, what they normally don't do when their successors are already present. The persistent canines should be extracted as soon as possible as they not only cause narrowing of the maxillary diastema, but also can promote early onset of periodontal disease due to crowding. The current malocclusion with the mandibular canines pressing on the gingiva in the maxillary diastema is supposed to cause discomfort and pain; therefore a multi-stage treatment plan will be discussed with the owners. The goal of our treatment is patient's comfort and functionality, not any cosmetic improvements. The owners are very dedicated and compliant, which is extremely important in orthodontic cases. They know that several anesthesia sessions will be necessary before a final result can be achieved.

Treatment plan: The first step would be interceptive orthodontics and an appointment for extraction of persistent deciduous maxillary canines was made for the next day. Preoperative hematology and standard blood chemistry examination was already done during first appointment (Tab.1). Extraction of deciduous teeth should be performed with extreme caution as they are fragile and have long, thin roots which can fracture easily. Care must be taken not to harm the permanent tooth or its root. Open surgical extraction is recommended for deciduous canines.

The next step would be corrective orthodontics with active treatment and retention. The goal would be to displace the maxillary canines distally, to create a sufficiently large space for the occlusion of the mandibular canines. This tooth movement (tipping) can be best achieved with an active orthodontic device (buttons and elastic chain). After moving the maxillary canines into the desired position, a retention phase must be taken into account to stabilize the teeth in their new position. Creating sufficient space for the crowns of the mandibular canines can already lead to normal occlusion, especially in a grade 1 linguoversion. If more labioversion needs to be achieved, there are several methods to move the lingually displaced canines:

- Ball therapy
- Gingivectomy, Gingivoplasty, Osteoplasty of maxillary diastema
- Inclined plane (direct or indirect acrylic planes, telescoping planes)
- Crown extensions

Anesthesia: As the dog was quite twitchy it was difficult to place a venous catheter. Thus, the dog was sedated intramusculary with 0.2 mg/kg Butorphanol^a, 0.008 mg/kg Medetomidin^b and 1 mg/kg Ketamin^c for premedication. After some minutes the dog was relaxed enough to place a venous catheter in the right V. cephalica. For induction, 2 mg Propofol^d was given intravenously to enable placement of an endotracheal tube. Anesthesia maintenance was performed with an oxygen/isoflurane mixture. Perioperative infusion therapy was with an isotonic balanced electrolyte solution^e at a rate of 5mL/kg/h. Anesthesia monitoring included non-invasive blood pressure determination, ECG, pulse oximetry and capnography.

Treatment: The dog was placed in lateral recumbency, and a local nerve block was performed on maxillary nerves with 0.25 mL of lidocaine 2% each. The mouth was rinsed with a 0.12% chlorhexidine solution A dental chart was filled out (Tab.2) and dental radiographs were taken from the upper canines (Fig.2-4). Open surgical extraction of 504 and 604 was performed to reduce the risk of breaking the thin, fragile roots during closed extraction attempts (Fig.16-20). Care was taken not to apply any leverage on the permanent canines to avoid damaging the tooth. Wounds were closed with single interrupted sutures using Monosyn 4/0 monofilament suture material and dental radiographs were taken to confirm complete extraction (Fig. 5-6).

Recovery from anesthesia was uneventful and the dog was discharged with the instruction for oral administration of 0.1 mg/kg Meloxicamⁱ for 3-4 days. After wound healing 10 days post-surgery the dog was

rescheduled for application of an active orthodontic device with the aim of moving 104 and 204 distally to create sufficient space for unimpeded occlusion of 304 and 404.

The same anesthetic protocol was used during the second procedure. Two anchorage teeth were used for the application of the elastic chain and button system (108/109 and 208/209), taking into account the fact that for moving the canine it is necessary that the root surface of the anchorage teeth combination is larger than the root surface of the target tooth. Dental radiographs were taken of the maxillary canines as well as from 4th premolars and 1st molars (Fig.7-11). Subsequently, all involved tooth surfaces were etched with 37% phosphoric acid¹ for 15 seconds and then thoroughly rinsed and dried (Fig.21-22). A bonding agent^k was applied and light cured. A metal button with some amount of composite was then pressed on the tooth surface and composite was also light cured. The buttons were placed on the buccal surface near the cervical third of the crowns on the anchorage teeth; one button each on mesial and distal cusp of 108 and one on mesial cusp of 109 (Fig.23). Using a 0.4mm cerclage wire, that was drilled, the distal button of 108 and the mesial button of 109 were fixed together (Fig.24-25) and covered with flowable composite of to form one anchorage unit. In the same way, a button was placed on the labial surface of the canine in the middle to coronal third of the tooth and a dental X-ray was done (Fig.12). An elastic chain was attached around the knob of both buttons (Fig.26) and finally the distance between the tips of 103 and 104 and the distance between the middle third of the teeth was measured with the parodontometer (Fig. 27-28). The same procedure was repeated on the other side. During the first week, the chain was tightened only lightly to stimulate physiologic movement, after which the chain was reduced by about 20% of its initial length. Excessive force should be avoided and should not exceed the capillary pressure of the periodontal ligament (20-26g/cm²). Postoperatively, NSAIDs were avoided as they would interfere with the process of bone resorption through prostaglandin inhibition. Actually the behavior of the dog was completely normal, so administration of other pain medication was considered not necessary. Owners were instructed to control and carefully clean the application twice daily.

Diagnosis: Persistent deciduous maxillary canines; MAL 1/MV (maxillary canines); MAL 1/LV (mandibular canines)

Follow up: the dog came for weekly check-ups where the elastic chain was shortened to ensure continuous traction (Fig.29-34). After a period of 4 weeks the canines had reached the preferred position. Traction force of the elastic chain was then released for another 2 weeks to keep the tooth in position (retention phase) (Fig.35-36). After 6 weeks of treatment the buttons were carefully removed under short anesthesia and teeth were polished (Fig.37-40). The distances between the 3rd incisor and canine were measured again (Fig.41-44) and radiographs were taken (Fig.13-15). The linguoverted lower canines had moved in their correct position without further intervention and normocclusion was finally achieved (Fig.45-47).

Discussion:

The occurrence of malocclusion in dogs, acquired or inherited, is a common dental abnormality (Berman, Soltero-Rivera & Scanlan, 2023). The underlying causes comprise nutritional, endocrine, and toxic effects or local factors such as inconsistent eruption patterns or persistent deciduous teeth.

Although persistent deciduous teeth can occur in any breed, small and toy breed dogs appear particularly predisposed for this condition (Gawor&Niemiec, 2021; Hobson, 2005). The prevalence of persistent deciduous teeth can be as high as 15% in very small dogs followed by 6,1% in small dogs such as Dachshund (Wallis, Ivanova & Holcombe, 2024). Along the natural eruption path, a permanent tooth exerts pressure on the apex of the deciduous tooth, which leads to its root-end resorption. However, an incorrect eruption pathway of the permanent tooth can disrupt the resorption process and is the main reason for persistent deciduous dentition,

which is the most common problem in pediatric canine dentistry (Gawor&Niemiec, 2021). In consequence, the permanent tooth remains in a position that is too far forward and the diastema between the 3rd incisor and the canine, into which the mandibular canine would fit, is too narrow. This kind of malocclusion, with bilateral mesioversion of the maxillary canines and linguoversion of the mandibular canines, is a typical class I dental malocclusion, accounting for 60% of deciduous malocclusions observed in the retrospective study by Berman et al. (Berman *et al.*, 2023). The specific linguoversion of one or both mandibular canine teeth was found in 72% of dogs with type I malocclusion in a large retrospective analysis (Berman *et al.*, 2023).

The required treatment consisted of two parts, the first of which involved the extraction of the deciduous canines to create space for the permanent teeth to move backwards to their proper place (Hobson,2005). However, this movement of the tooth can be assisted through an active orthodontic device. Accordingly, in a second operation the dog is provided with such an appliance, by fixing brackets to the canine and to P4 and M1 in the back, which together act as anchors, and by attaching an elastic rubber chain to them (Lobprise, 2019). The use of two teeth is required to provide sufficient resistance, so that the root surface of the anchor teeth exceeds the root surface of the tooth to be moved. Accordingly, two cheek teeth must serve as abutments, as one single tooth would be pulled forward by the canine instead of the other way around. Similar procedures have been described for the correction of maxillary tooth mesioversion (Legendre & Stepaniuk, 2008) and for the management of mesioverted maxillary teeth and linguoverted mandibular teeth in other case reports (Volker & Luskin, 2016).

Since, as a consequence of moving the canine backwards, the diastema became larger and it was accomplished that the mandibular canines tilted outwards into the correct position. If this had not been the case, various other ways of moving the teeth would have needed consideration, depending on the severity of the malocclusion. In mild cases of lingually displaced canine teeth, it sufficed to frequently (minimum 3x/day for 15minutes) stimulate the dog to play with specific rubber toys of appropriate size and shape, allowing simple and non-invasive correction of the malocclusion (Verhaert, 1999). In case of reluctance of the dog to play with the ball, gingivectomy, gingivoplasty, and osteoplasty of maxillary diastema as described by Smith (Smith, 2013) is an adequate method to gain room for the mandibular canines in grade 1 LV. More severe cases were corrected through inclined planes (Haggerty, Block, & Battig, 2021; Peruga *et al.*, 2022) or crown extensions (Storli, Menzies, & Reiter, 2018; MacKenzie, 2021). In case of class II malocclusions (mandibular distoclusion) with the mandibular canines located palatal to the maxillary canines, crown reduction and vital pulp therapy might be the most straight forward solution for termination of palatal trauma (Blanchard & Koehm, 2018).

In the case presented here, 4 weeks were needed to pull the canines into the desired position, and 2 weeks further the orthodontic device could be removed, as normocclusion had been achieved.

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^a Torphadine 10mg/ml, Dechra veterinary products, Dornbirn, Austria

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^c Ketamidor 100mg/ml, Girovet, Richter Pharma, Wels, Austria

^d Propofol® Lipuro 10mg/ml, B.Braun, Maria Enzersdorf, Austria

^e Ringer Solution nach Hartmann B.Braun, B.Braun, Maria Enzersdorf, Austria

f Xylanest®purum 2%, Gebro Pharma, Fieberbrunn Austria

^g Gum[®] Paroex Chlorhexidin 0,12%, Sunstar Gum, Schönau, Germany

^h Monosyn® USP 4/0, Glyconate monofilament, absorbable, tapered, B.Braun, Maria Enzersdorf, Austria

Meloxoral 1,5mg/ml, oral suspension, Dechra veterinary products, Dornbirn, Austria

^j Pluraetch+, Pluradent, Elmshorn, Germany

^k Adhese[®] Universal Viva Pen, Ivoclar Vivadent, Ellwangen, Germany

Bluephase® Easy Cure, Ivoclar, Vivadent, Ellwangen, Germany

^m Orthodontic Lingual Buttons Round with Holes (Bondable), 3,5mm, IM3, Duleek, Ireland

ⁿTetric Evo Ceram Composite, Ivoclar Vivadent, Ellwangen, Germany

[°] Tetric Evo Flow Composite, Ivoclar, Vivadent, Ellwangen, Germany

^p Power Chain blue, IM3, Duleek, Ireland

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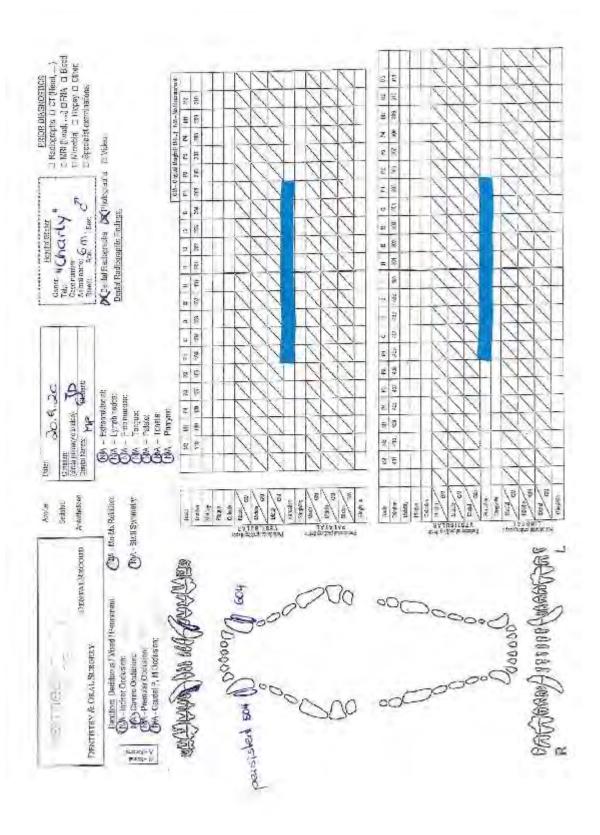
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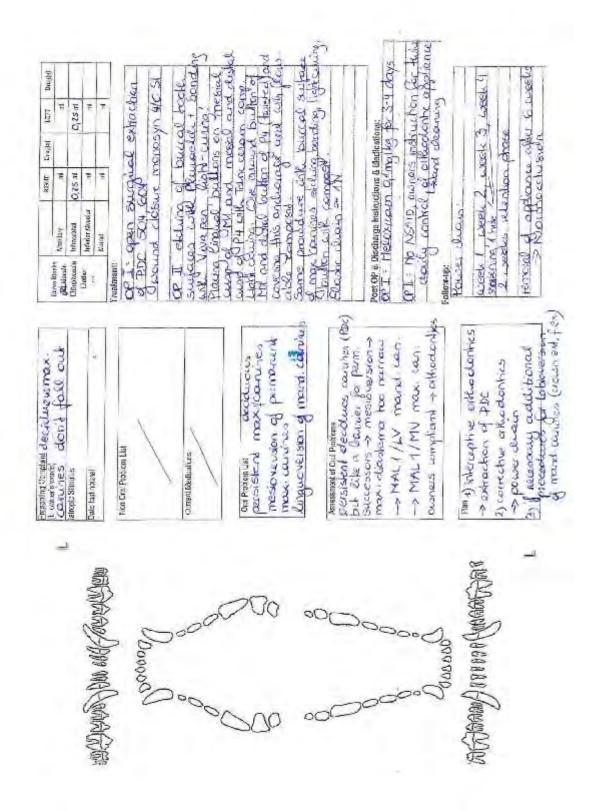
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Dental Chart





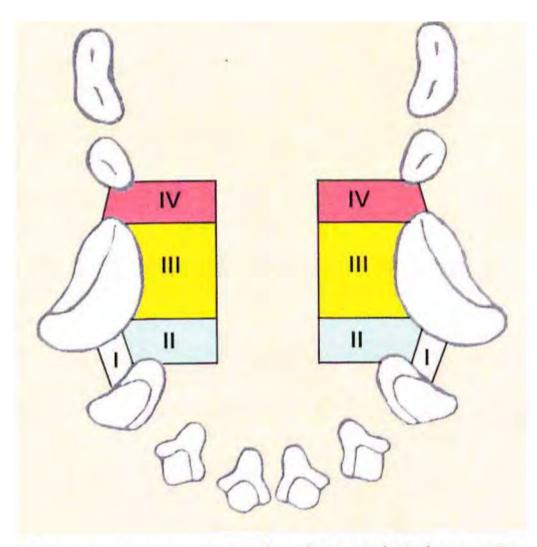


Abb. 5.11 Schema nach Fahrenkrug und Röcken zur Befundung des Einbisses der Unterkiefercanini am Gaumen.

Fig.1 Schema according to Fahrenkrug and Röcken for assessment of bite of mandibulary canines

Dental radiographs

(Extraction of persistent maxillary canines)

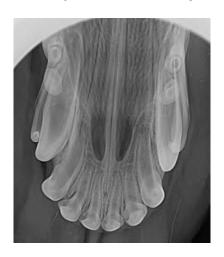


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Fig.6

Dental radiographs (orthodontic treatment)



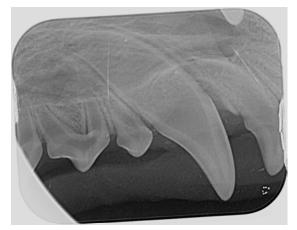


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Fig.9 Fig.10

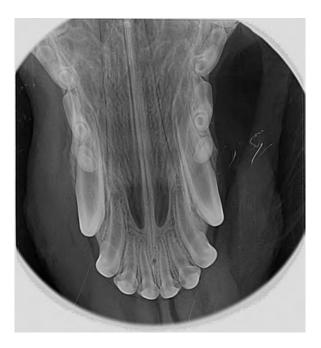




Fig.11 Fig.12



Fig.13 after removal of brackets



Fig.14



Fig.15

Fotos





Fig.16 Fig.17





Fig.18 Fig.19



Fig.20





Fig.21 Fig.22 Etching





Fig.23 placing the buttons



Fig.24 connecting P4 and M1 with a twisted wire



Fig.25 Fig.26 elastic chain



Fig.27 measurement from tip to tip: 7.5 mm



Fig.28 measurement middle part of the crown: 4 mm

First recheck after 1 week





Fig.29 Fig.30

Recheck after 2 weeks





Fig.31 Fig.32 hair and food entrapped under the button

Recheck after 3 weeks





Fig.33 Fig.34

Recheck after 4 weeks (retention phase)





Fig.35 Fig.36

Recheck after 6 weeks (removal of appliance)





Fig.37 Fig.38





Fig.39 Fig.40



Fig.41 measurement from tip to tip: 13 mm



Fig.42 measurement middle part of the crown: 13 mm



Fig.43 measurement from tip to tip: 13 mm



Fig.44 measurements middle part of the crown: 13 mm



Fig.45 Fig.46





Fig.47 Normocclusion



Case Report Evaluation Check Sheet Dentistry

Case report # / title: Persistent deciduous maxillary canines and malocclusion class 1 in a dog

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Complete signalment, history and physical examination Comments:	1	1
Oral and maxillofacial examination Comments:	1	1
Choice of tests and assessment Comments:	1	1
Quality representation of diagnostic tests (e.g. radiographs, photographs) Lateral radiographs of target teeth after orthodontic treatment is also required. I assume you did so but forgot to attach	2	1
Correct or justified diagnosis Comments:	2	2
Adequate or appropriate medical management Comments:	2	2
Adequate oral / dental treatment Comments: there is temporary crown extension not just crown extension; not gingivectomy is not recommended term	4	3
Adequate anaesthetic and analgesic management Comments:	2	2
Adequate follow-up for the case report to be meaningful Comments:	1	1
Appropriate discussion, adequately referenced Comments:	2	2
Language and word count adequate Comments:restoration not restauration	1	1
Special features not covered above Comments:	1	1
TOTAL POINTS / GRADE	20	18

V	Case report sufficient (\$ 10 points)		
☐ Case report insufficient (< 10 points)			
	☐ Case report can be resubmitted with modifications		
	☐ Case report cannot be resubmitted		