

# ANIMAL SCIENCE AND VETERINARY MEDICINE

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## The importance of oral care being addressed by a veterinary professional

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Animals, both large and small that do not receive routine dental care are at risk for developing dental disease, if presenting problems are not corrected by a veterinary dentist. Dental disease can lead to secondary problems to the heart and other systems of the body. Veterinary professionals have developed research that indicated a scaling system based on how advanced the periodontal disease is. The higher the periodontal disease the likelihood that numerous teeth may need to be extracted. The purpose of this study is to understand the importance of oral health being maintained for a wide variety of animals. Veterinary dentists use dental charting and radiographing to determine what may need to be addressed in the oral cavity. Although each breed of species has unique oral anatomy, these tools utilize aid in the determination of what stage of periodontal disease is occurring. Understanding the anatomy and needs of each species' oral health is how periodontal disease can be either maintained or prevented altogether.

### Recent Publications:

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### Biography

Keyana's expertise in veterinary medicine has sparked her interest in continuing to provide education on how to better provide quality care amongst many animal species. She has been in veterinary medicine for 10 years and has been practicing as a licensed veterinary technician for 2.5 years now.

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