

# Hale Veterinary Clinic

*Lectures Series*

## ***“Understanding Veterinary Dentistry”***

*For Veterinarians and Technicians*

*This 2-day lecture will cover all of the topics listed below and is the prerequisite for admission to the Oral Surgical Wet Lab.*

**Friday April 4<sup>th</sup> & Saturday April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008—9:00am to 5:00pm**

**Understanding Veterinary Dental Anatomy and Physiology** – There is a lot of disease occurring in the mouths of your patients. To recognize pathology, you must know what normal looks like. To understand how the tissues react to pathology and treatment, you must understand their physiology. The presentation will cover the essentials of normal dental and oral anatomy with some peeks at pathology.

**Understanding Veterinary Dental Equipment** —As with any job, you need the right tools, properly maintained and used as intended. This lecture will help you get the most out of your equipment you have and may help you spend more wisely when you add to your tool box.

**Understanding Juvenile Dentistry**— This lecture covers the myriad of dental maladies that affect dogs and cats in the first year of life. Early recognition and correction of these problems can save a lot of grief down the road.

**Understanding Oral Pathology**—Here we will look at a number of oral conditions including chronic oral inflammatory diseases, oral tumors and growths, developmental abnormalities of the teeth and surrounding structures, caries (cavities) and more.

**Understanding Feline Issues**—We will examine what we know about chronic gingivostomatitis and resorptive lesions in cats as well as discussing some other concerns particular to the feline patient.

**Understanding Veterinary Oral Radiographs**- Dental radiographs are absolutely necessary for making a proper diagnosis and for monitoring response to treatment. This lecture will cover why radiographs are so essential, what equipment and materials are needed, technique for taking diagnostic films and how to interpret them.

**Understanding Periodontal Disease** -Periodontal disease is the most common disease entity in companion animals. At the simplest level it is an infection, but there are many modifying factors which must be identified and managed. This lecture will review periodontal anatomy and physiology and then delve into the pathogenesis of periodontal disease. Next we will look at the principles of proper periodontal treatment planning and execution.

**Understanding Dental Extractions** - Exodontia is the most common surgical procedure in small animal practice and while some are awfully simple, others are simply awful. This lecture will offer a number of strategies to deal with whatever comes your way.

**Understanding Veterinary Dental Homecare**-Following professional care, home care is often essential in the management of periodontal disease. We will look at the value and limitations of home care in general and some products in particular as well as discussing strategies to improve the success of your client's home care efforts.

We will provide a copy of the textbook, *Understanding Veterinary Dentistry* and Lunch for both days.  
Cost of Understanding Veterinary Dentistry Lecture \$650.00 plus GST