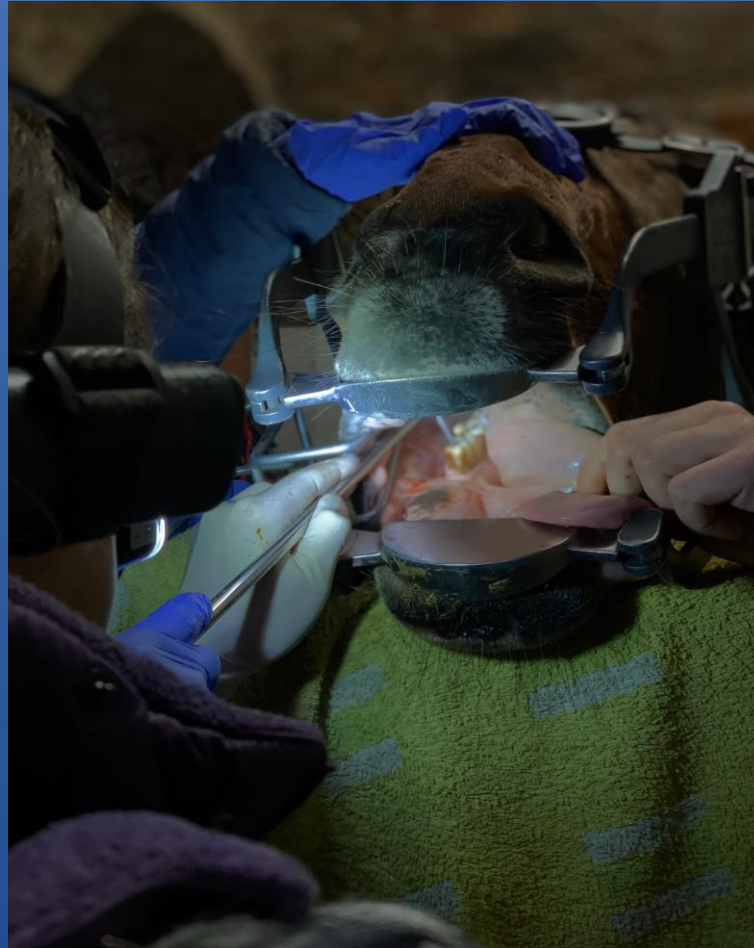



EQUINE DENTISTRY IN POLAND




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- Over the last 10 years performing routine dental work has become more popular among horse owners
 - Much more owners are aware that routine dental care is very important
 - Most sport horses and leisure horses have dentist at least once a year
 - Horses in riding schools are the least common patients(money issue)

WHO DOES IT?

- Only veterinarians are allowed to perform dentistry with sedation in Poland
- Most of the horses are done by equine veterinarians
- There is one technician that does dentistry with sedation
- There is no EDT (equine dental technician) profession in Poland
- Farriers and owners doesn't do dentistry (hopefully:-)
- A lot of equine vets working in the field do basic dentistry

LEVEL OF EQUINE DENTISTRY IN POLAND

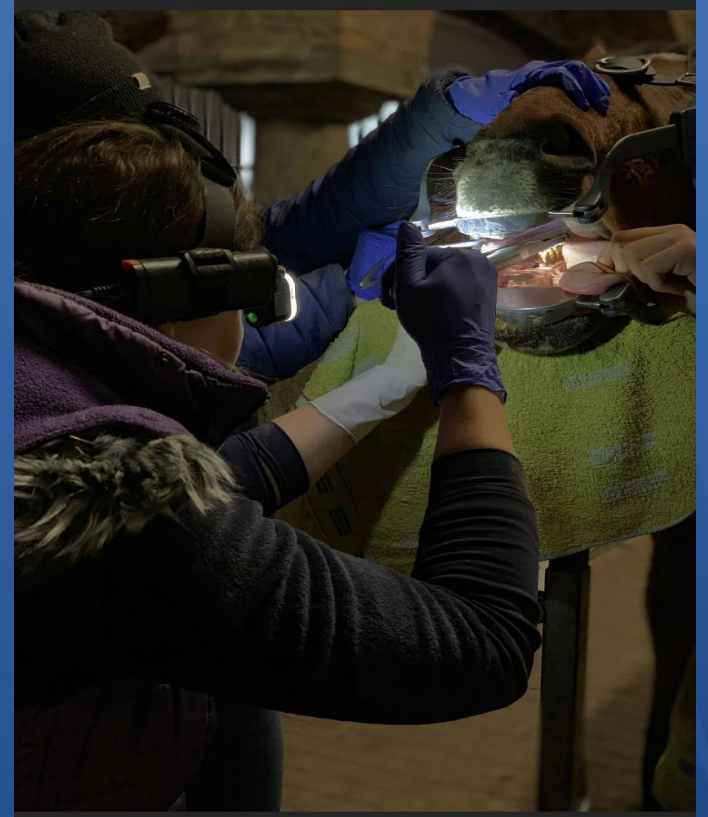
- Every year there is good quality dentistry course on different levels performed by VetPD
- A lot of young veterinarians attend courses
- There are about 10-12 veterinarians who specialise in dentistry and perform more advanced procedures : intraoral extraction, buccotomy, sinus trephination, infundibular restoration, EOTRH diagnosis and treatment.
- A lot of general vets refer difficult cases to more specialised in dentistry veterinarians

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- There is one CT in Warsaw
 - Specialists often recommend CT examination but is not always accepted by owners
 - Many owners are reluctant to send their horse to the clinic and try to persuade a veterinarian to do advanced procedures in the field.

CHALLENGES

- There is no official Association of Equine Dentists in Poland that will verify knowledge and skills, give opportunity to learn from each other and continuing learning
- Some general veterinarians have difficulties in recognizing significant dental pathologies (non vital pulp exposure, diastemas, infundibular caries)
- Official Association of Equine Dentist would be beneficial for practitioners and owners (possibility to choose dentist from official list)

- It is very important to educate owners about importance of routine dental visits and accurate oral examination



SUMMARY

- Level of equine dentistry has improved over the past 10 years
- Awareness among horse owners is much better
- It is crucial to educate every veterinarian that does dental work to perform detailed oral examination and recognize significant dental pathologies

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