

Greyhound



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Special Edition

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Dewey Beach is now the largest gathering of former greyhound racers in the world. To commemorate this wonderful gathering National Greyhound Adoption Program is publishing a special edition. This edition will include all of our usual items on health, activities, and expansion but will also include some of the fine small articles from previous newsletters.

New Dental Procedure to Save Canines

(Canine Teeth That Is)

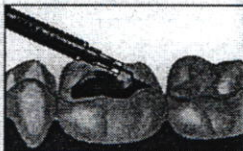
The National Greyhound Adoption Program began a new procedure in dentistry, although it is new to us, it's truly not new at all. Bonding of teeth is found at your dentist's office and it is a widely used procedure. Sometimes it is used instead of silver fillings. Because greyhounds are exposed to a high risk of bacteria in their food while they're racing, they often get Periodontal disease at a young age. In many cases the most appropriate approach is extraction, but in the case of canines we do our best to save them. Canines are the four large teeth in the front of the mouth two on the top and two on the bottom. The uppers usually show the worst exposure that can be as much as 3/8th of an inch. It is a rough surface that attracts tartar and bacteria and needs an aggressive approach rather than extraction. Canine roots are very deep making extractions more difficult than the other teeth.

The bonding procedure we'll use will smooth the exposed root surface by grinding it down slightly, etching it then applying a adhering agent and lastly the composite or bond itself. The bond or composite material is then Ultra Violet (UV) light cured. This information warrants front page attention because it is so important for your greyhounds well being if it needs the procedure. It is a procedure that can be found at a veterinarian dental specialist or in your dentist's office, the cost at National Greyhound Adoption Program will be much more reasonable than elsewhere.

A diagram showing this procedure is shown below. Take a look at your greyhounds teeth, pull up the lip, see if you have a candidate for bonding.

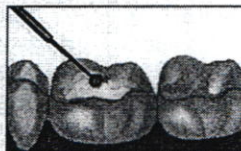
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OptiBond SOLOTM
plus



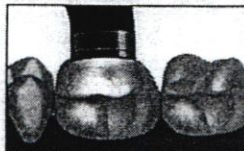
Etch* enamel and dentin for 15 seconds.

Rinse and
lightly dry.
Do not
desiccate.



Apply OptiBond Solo Plus** for 15 seconds
using light brushing motion.

Air thin
for
3 seconds.



Light cure for 30 seconds.



Place composite and light cure.

Now, close your eyes
and envision these
teeth as greyhound
teeth and assume we
are working around
the area of the gum
line.

*Caution: Contains phosphoric acid. Avoid contact with skin, eyes and soft tissue. In case of contact with skin or eyes, flush immediately with water, get medical attention for eyes. Do not take internally.
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