



Guide Dogs for the Blind

Discharge Instructions for Puppy with Extraction of Base Narrow Canines

The puppy you are raising recently had a procedure to remove their bottom baby canine teeth due to a diagnosis called narrow based canines. In this condition the lower canine teeth angled straight upward, instead of tipping outward putting pressure on the upper gums causing pain. These teeth were extracted to prevent trauma to the palate. There may be sutures present at the extraction sites that will dissolve or slough off naturally over time. No suture removal is necessary.

Please have your local veterinarian monitor the adult lower canines as they erupt at the puppy's regular vaccine appointments. It will be important to monitor the adult lower canine teeth as they grow. If these adult lower canines contact or irritate the gums above, then additional dental care will be needed to help correct this abnormal position. At the 20-week vaccine appointment, please discuss with your veterinarian if there are any concerns with the puppy's teeth positioning. If so, they may recommend a recheck at 6 months of age to monitor the teeth.