

Happy Hoppy Teeth: A guide to rabbit dentition

Good dentition



- Lower cheek tooth 1 (CT1) should have very slight curve only
- Palate line and mandible line should meet at distant point
- Lines at cheek tooth root bases should be straight (note mandibular CTs not normal...this is a very mild Grade 1 case)
- Molars interlock in neat zigzag
- Incisors do not meet- lower just caudal to upper and form chisel shape

Grade 1 Dental Disease



- CT bases no longer within straight lines ("splay")
- Incisors not meeting but angle altered
- Lower CT 1 more curved

Grade 2 Dental Disease



- Further splaying of roots
- Mandibular and palate lines now less convergent...and incisors almost meeting
- Lower CT1 more curved

Grade 3 Dental Disease



- Palate and mandibular lines now parallel
- Incisors now meet
- CT zig zag less even
- Roots more splayed

Grade 4 Dental Disease



- Mandibular CT roots now contact the mandible cortex
- Upper incisor roots may contact palate
- Incisors meet "end-on-end"
- Palate and mandibular lines start to diverge as CTs elongate
- Lower CT1 much more curved

Grade 4 Dental Disease



- This is a very advanced case!
- CT root penetrate mandibular cortices
- Evidence of osteomyelitis around roots
- Erosion / destruction of roots and eventually tooth loss
- Progression to abscess formation