

The Australian Veterinary association (AVA) and parties with vested interests have been lobbying governments to make many equine dental services exclusive to vets. This will come at a huge cost to consumers and at an inevitable cost to animal well-being when these services are no longer affordable nor provided to the standard many owners demand. Owners should have the right to use properly trained Certificate and Diploma qualified dentists who have extensive training. - Peter Borgdorff, President, National Equine Dental Practitioners Inc.



These pages compare the current situation (this page) to what the AVA is lobbying vets and legislators to do (page 2) It also shows the effect on consumers and equine dentists (page 3)

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Equine Dentistry Activities in Australia

Current procedures by Equine Dentists

Competencies matching the new national Certificate IV¹ in Equine Dentistry and the removal of wolf teeth.

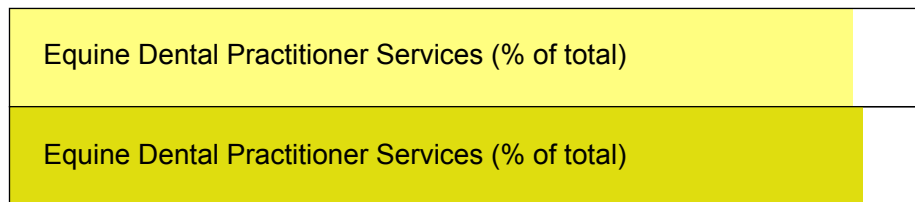
Competencies matching the proposed Diploma³ in Equine Dentistry, including major bite corrections, non-surgical permanent tooth extraction and the use of motorised equipment.

Members of:

NEDP, EDAA, AAED, WWAED and IAED

NEDP, EDAA, AAED, IAED and WWAED (most members)

Percentage of all equine dentistry services²



Current procedures by Vets

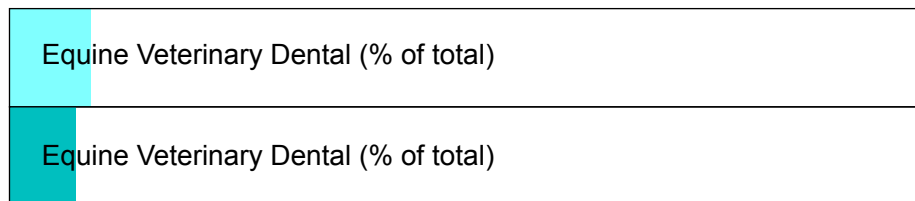
Those somewhat similar to the new Certificate IV in Equine Dentistry including the removal of wolf teeth.

Those similar to the proposed Diploma including non surgical permanent tooth extraction, major bite correction and the use of motorised equipment

Some AVA members/ non-members

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Percentage of all equine dentistry services



Current procedures carried out by Vets in conjunction with Equine Dentists

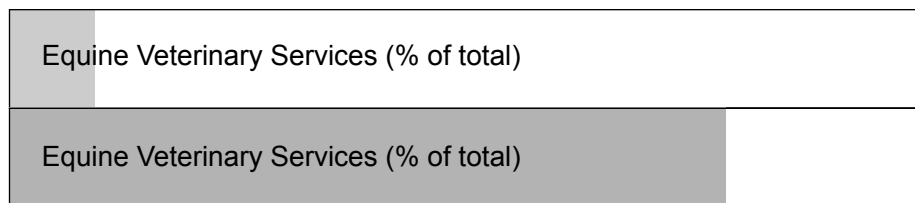
Those services which facilitate equine dentists to carry out Certificate IV type services

The services which facilitate equine dentists to carry out Diploma type activities. Typically these vet services may include sedation, imaging services and antibiotics.

AVA members/ non-members

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Percentage of equine dentistry requiring associated services⁴



1. Nationally endorsed qualification under Animal Care and Management; <http://training.gov.au/Training/Details/ACM40512>. Not to be confused with the EDAA/SWTAFE course which is not nationally endorsed.
 2. Based on 'Equine Dentistry in Victoria 2007' Holland A, Paper. Figures have been applied to national average as these are likely to be very similar.
 3. Diploma competencies as prepared by AgrifoodSkills with stakeholders. www.equinedentalpractice.com/AgrifoodSkillsScopingPaperDiplomaEquineDentistry.pdf
 4. Australian Equine Dental Practice 2010 Victorian associate practice statistics.

Equine Dentistry in Australia after 2012 without a Diploma qualification and with the AVA's own interpretation of legislation continuing to be imposed by Vet Boards



Procedures by Equine Dentists

Competencies matching the new national Certificate IV¹ in Equine Dentistry and the removal of very loose molars and wolf teeth. **BANNED**

Members of:

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Percentage of all equine dentistry services

Equine Dental Practitioner Services (% of total)⁵

Competencies matching the proposed Diploma³ in Equine Dentistry including major bite corrections, non-surgical permanent tooth extraction and the use of motorised equipment.

BANNED to Equine Dentists

BANNED DUE TO VET BOYCOTT⁶

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Procedures by Vets

Those somewhat similar to the new Certificate IV in Equine Dentistry including the removal of wolf teeth.

AVA members/non-members

Percentage of all equine dentistry services

Equine Veterinary Dental (% of total)

Those similar to the proposed Diploma including non-surgical permanent tooth extraction, major bite correction and the use of motorised equipment

AVA members/non-members

Equine Veterinary Dental (% of total)

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Current procedures carried out by Vets in conjunction with Equine Dentists

The services which facilitate equine dentists to carry out Certificate IV type services (eg vets providing sedation)

BANNED to Equine Dentists

Percentage of equine dentistry requiring associated services

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Those services which facilitate equine dentists to carry out Diploma type activities. Typically these vet services may include sedation, imaging services and antibiotics.

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5. Estimate takes account non-access to veterinary sedation services by equine dentists, inability of equine dentists to adequately service the needs of horse owners, reduced business efficiency and financial damage to reputation due to AVA misinformation.
6. Veterinarians are forced (by disputed advice of veterinary boards) and intimidation of AVA to cease assistance to equine dentists.

Equine Dentistry in Australia after 2012



The anti-competitive effect on equine dentists and cost impact on consumers

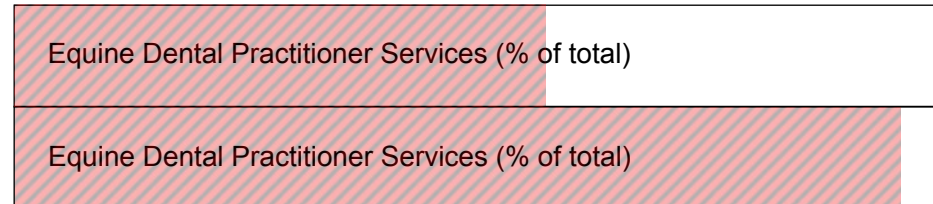
Procedures

Cert IV type services with no access to sedation by vets **by Equine Dentists**

Diploma type services as carried out now **BANNED for Equine Dentists**

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Work lost by Equine Dentists⁷

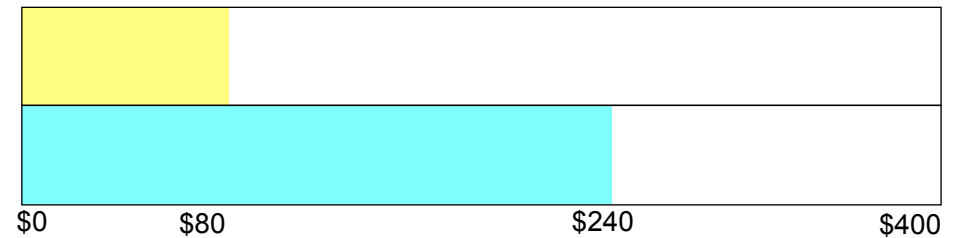


Consumer cost of Cert IV type dentistry (estimated)⁸

Type of Service

Cert IV type services **by Equine Dentists**

Cert IV type services **by Vets**



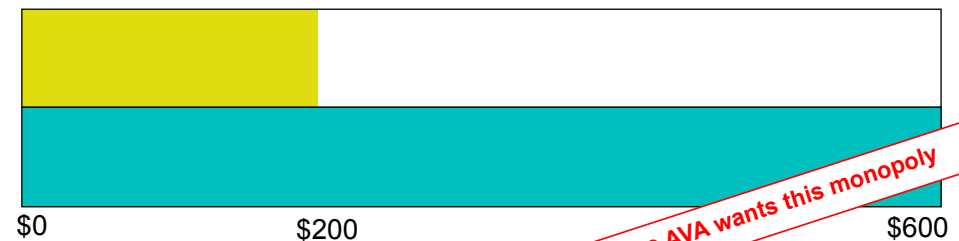
Consumer cost of Diploma type dentistry (estimated)⁹

Type of Service

Diploma type services **by Equine Dentists**

Diploma type services **by Vets only**

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7. Volume of work of equine dentists on page 1 deducted by percentage loss on page 2; takes into account AVA push to stop vets sedating for dentists;
8. Based on current equine dental and veterinary fees for Cert IV type procedures. Takes into account the reduction in the number of services by equine dentists to the market;
9. Based on current equine dental and veterinary fees for Diploma type procedures. Takes into account the lessening of competition through the reduction in the number of equine dentists in the market;