

Evaluating the validity of a visual dental scale for detection of periodontal disease in non-anesthetized dogs.

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Findings

- A visual assessment tool for scoring dental disease in awake dogs was compared to the “Gold Standard” of examination under anesthesia with radiographs to determine its validity and reliability
- Results indicate that visual assessment is reliable and valid when used as a screening tool to assess the severity of PD in awake dogs.

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