

# An Exciting Day for Gerbils

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Wow did we gerbils have an exciting day today! Arthur hasn't been feeling himself for a few days and when the humans examined him yesterday they realized his teeth were all overgrown. This can happen with us rodents because our teeth continue to grow throughout our life. Usually our teeth wear down as we chew, but things can go wrong and then the teeth get long and make it hard to eat. So it was off to the vet for Arthur to have his teeth trimmed. All of us got to go because we didn't want Arthur to feel scared at the vet by himself.

We took a long drive and then we got to Terry Animal Hospital. Here we are checking in.



The human had to fill out a long form telling about where we lived and what we ate and everything, and then Dr. Davis came in to see us.



First she checked Arthur's teeth



She noticed that he had broken one of the top incisors off right at the gumline, and sure enough the remaining teeth were overgrown because there wasn't an upper tooth for the bottom tooth to wear down against. Poor Arthur, no wonder he wasn't interested in eating.

After checking his teeth she checked to make sure that the rest of him was fine, and he was in very good condition, all things considered. Here she is checking his heart and lungs



After his checkup he went into the back room with Dr. Davis to have his teeth trimmed. We were a little concerned when she walked off with Arthur, but the human told us not to worry, he'd be back soon, and sure enough he was, and boy did he feel better!



We are all back home now and after eating a big late lunch we plan to take a long nap.

If you'd like to see more photos of our trip to the vet check out our [Facebook Photo Album](#)

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