Restorative materials (composite) and prosthodontics (crowns) are used to restore function and strength to a damaged tooth. Composite restorative materials are used to treat enamel defects, caries (cavity), and to seal a tooth following endodontic treatment.

Metal crowns are applied after root canal treatment to protect tooth structure and restore function. Metal is used most commonly because of the tremendous bite forces generated in a dog’s mouth. This can be especially important for working dogs. Zirconium (tooth colored) crowns are also an option for some veterinary patients.