

Deer antlers are now being sold in pet stores and over the internet by numerous pet product suppliers. These are being heavily promoted as long lasting chew products because they are so dense they “do not splinter”, unlike cow bones.

These have resulted in dental fractures with pulpal exposures for canine patients, and we strongly recommend against giving these to dogs.

We also recommend against giving cow bones to dogs for the same reason. The general rule of thumb to give to owners is to NOT give home dental care products to dogs that you are UNABLE to bend or break with your bare hands, as well as rope toys and tennis balls.



Example of a deer antler sold in pet stores and over the internet by numerous pet product suppliers (left).

Please see the following page for a clinical case of a crown fracture resulting from chewing on a deer antler.

Example of a complicated crown fracture with pulp exposure and necrosis for 404 in a one year old male neutered German shepherd from chewing on a deer antler (below).

Root canal therapy was needed to salvage 404 for our patient.

