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The Importance of Exotic Animal Dentistry **Treatment of The Bolivian Lions** *Rescued by Animal Defenders International*

case summary: *Pancho*

Pancho, a male African Lion, was one of the worst cases of abuse PEIVDF doctors had ever seen. Both Pancho's upper right and lower left molars had been completely shattered. The only likely way this can happen is by being struck in the face with a hard object, at least once on each side. In addition, Pancho had been struck at least a third time, so hard that his upper left canine was broken off and driven into his nasal turbinates, causing a communication between his nose and his mouth called an oronasal fistula (ONF).



Molars are the primary tooth for eating. A shattered molar is excruciatingly painful - its exposed roots and shards of tooth always in function. Pancho's surgery was quite complex. The ONF had completely destroyed the tissue around it. Innovative double flaps had to be created and holes drilled into the bone into which the flaps were sutured.



Pancho is still sore & will continue his medications for at least another week. The 3 girls in with Pancho & Temuco, have watched over them the past few days.

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After surgery, Temuco, Kenya, Dalila, and Chitara all watched over him.

Six months later, Pancho's surgical site was healthy, pink, and completely healed.