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

case summary: *Temuco*

Temuco, a male African Lion, was adopted by the Wild Animal Sanctuary in Keenesburg CO after being rescued by ADI. When he arrived at the sanctuary, "his left eye [had] always been squinty." Upon exam by PEIVDF doctors, we found that Temuco had been struck so hard in the mouth by a hard object, that his left canine tooth had been driven up through his nasal turbinates causing a communication between the nose and the mouth called an oro-nasal fistula (ONF).



PEIVDF doctors removed the fragment of his canine tooth that remained, and closed the site of the ONF with a palatal flap.



Temuco is also feeling better. When Temuco came to us, his left eye has always been slightly squinty, but now that the canine on his left side has been removed, his face has relaxed & his eye isn't nearly as flexed.

www.wildanimalsanctuary.org Bolivian Lion Journal p.21

Wild Animal Sanctuary reported that Temuco's eye immediately relaxed after surgery, and he was no longer squinting and was much more energetic.