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Dental Pathology of Steller Sea Lions May Help in Husbandry Practice for Species in Captivity

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Abstract

The Steller ocean lion (Eumetopias jubatus), moreover known as the northern ocean lion or Steller's ocean lion, to begin with recognized in 1741 by George Wilhelm Steller, is the biggest part of the family Otariidae and the as it were known living part of its sort. It has checked sexual dimorphism. The normal detailed bodyweight and length of completely developed guys and females are 1,120 kg and 3.25 m and 250 kg and 3.20 m, separately. Grown-up guys have a gigantic solid neck and chest secured with thick and long coarse hair, as well as solid improvement of the sagittal peak by the age of 7 a long time. Stellar ocean lions can live to approximately 16 a long time for guys and 23 a long time for females.

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Introduction

The dispersion of Steller ocean lions verifiably ranges along the west coast of North America from California to Gold country, amplifying towards the Bering Strait and coming to the Asian coast. A few overviews have affirmed a soak decay of the Alaskan populace [1], which may be connected to changes within the amount. quality and accessibility of favoured prey auxiliary to commercial fisheries or characteristic alter of environments. Steller Ocean lions are artful predators and bolster close arrive or in generally shallow water. Their commonplace slim down incorporates different species of little angle and cephalopods, and changes agreeing to their extend, time of year, prey wealth and accessibility. Steller ocean lions utilize suction as their essential nourishing mode but gnawing nourishing was moreover watched (i.e, they utilize their dentition to capture and hold prey). The nourishment isn't masticated [2] but is gulped either entire or, in case as well expansive, is to begin with torn extra orally into swallowable pieces.

The permanent dentition of Steller ocean lions comprises 34 teeth. The dental equation is incisor teeth (I) 3/2, canine teeth (C) 1/1, premolar teeth (P) 4/4 and molar teeth (M) 1/1. 'Post canine' (PC) could be a collective term utilized by zoologists for the premolar and molar teeth, as these teeth are of comparable measure and shape. In terms of tooth estimate [3], the primary incisor tooth is the littlest, though the third incisor is the biggest among the incisor teeth; the canine tooth is the biggest tooth within the verbal depth, which may relate with its utilize for show, combat, protecting region and competing for females by male Stellar ocean lions. The crown of the maxillary to begin with molar tooth is coordinated caudally and has no occlusal [4] contact with the mandibular teeth. There's a marked space between the maxillary fourth premolar tooth and the maxillary to begin with molar tooth, which may be caused by quick development and cranium expansion. Steller sea lions have the foremost coordinates and occluding dentition but the slightest variable in tooth measure compared with three other species of pinnipeds (Histriophoca fasciata, Callorhinus ursinus and Phoca largha).

Presence of dental, TMJ or jaw pathology may meddle with a wild animal's capacity to protect itself, prehend prey or admissions nourishment, contributing to dreariness and mortality. In any case, to the authors' information, there has been no comprehensive consider on the dental or TMJ pathology of Steller ocean lions. Exhibition hall collections of skulls, such as those utilized in this ponder, are ordinarily gotten from strandings, carcass recuperation or gifts by recovery centres [5]. An extra source of examples is allowed chasing for subsistence (nourishment or craftsmanship) purposes particular to Gold country Locals. The point of this think about was to explore the nature and predominance of dental and TMJ pathology in wild Steller ocean lions by visibly and methodically looking at historical center example skulls.

Materials and Methods

Plainly visible examination was performed on 191 cranium examples from the College of Gold country, Exhibition hall of the North, Fairbanks, The cranium collections were gotten from carcass recuperation and gifts from other educate and the open. Each cranium was named with an recognizable proof number, collection date, area and sex. Categorization of examples into grown-up and youthful grown-up age bunches was decided by the degree of conspicuousness of the cranial sutures [6] and sagittal peak. Adolescent status was decided by deficient ejection and resultant fragmented impediment of the canine and incisor teeth. Neonate status was decided by the nearness of physiological deciduous or blended dentition. Examples with cranium breaks running through the sutures at the base of cranium or pulverization of sutures were named as obscure age. Adolescents, neonates and inadequate cranium examples were prohibited from the consider.

Acquired dental variations from the norm were too surveyed. Tooth wear such as attrition/abrasion, characterized as smoothening and smoothing of cusps and dentinal introduction with or without pulpal inclusion, was recorded. Tooth breaks were assessed agreeing to the World Wellbeing Organization classification for tooth breaks in people, as adjusted for utilize in carnivores, which comprises of

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six diverse categories. Periapical injuries that were seen visibly were famous [7]. Periodontal status of the teeth was categorized concurring to a classification framework adjusted for utilize on skulls. The term arranges 1 periodontitis was not utilized, because it demonstrates gingivitis, a condition that cannot be recognized on cranium examples without delicate tissue. The nearness of hard injuries demonstrates periodontitis and the seriousness of the condition was classified into periodontitis stages.

Results

The total number of teeth accessible for assessment was 3,521 (92.5%) out of a potential greatest of 3,808 teeth. Artefactual nonappearance (ie, misfortune within the example arrangement prepare) accounted for 223 teeth (5.9%) and procured tooth misfortune and inherent nonattendance accounted for 55 teeth (1.4%) and nine teeth (0.2%). Grown-ups had altogether more obtained tooth misfortune than youthful grown-ups (P <0.0001) but no critical contrast was found in terms of inherent nonattendance between the age bunches [8]. The foremost common tooth related with obtained tooth misfortune in all examples was the correct mandibular to begin with incisor tooth (n = 6; 10.9% of procured lost teeth), taken after by the left and right maxillary to begin with incisor teeth and the correct maxillary moment incisor tooth (all n = 5; 9.1%). The maxillary to begin with molar tooth was predominantly (n = 8; 88.9% of innate lost teeth) related with inherent nonappearance, with a better predominance on the cleared out maxillary to begin with molar tooth (n = 5; 55.6%) than its contralateral tooth (n = 3; 33.3%). The other inherently lost tooth distinguished was the proper mandibular to begin with molar tooth.

The extents of males and females influenced by steady loss or scraped area did not contrast altogether (P >0.99). Forty-three examples (38.4% of skulls) had more than 50% of teeth influenced by whittling down or scraped spot. Grown-ups had essentially more teeth with whittling down or scraped spot than youthful grown-ups (P <0.0001). When comparing guys and females, there was no critical contrast between the number of teeth with steady loss or scraped area [9]. Eight Periapical injuries were recognized in five examples (4.5% of skulls), all of which were examples from grown-ups (one female and four guys). More than one injury was distinguished in two examples and were regarded to be related with organize 4 periodontitis. Six of the eight injuries (75.0%) were seen within the maxilla. One of the Periapical injuries distinguished within the mandible was regarded to be related with serious steady loss and scraped area of the cleared out mandibular canine tooth.

Discussion

The present consider is the primary to portray and characterize the nature and predominance of dental and TMJ pathology within the Steller ocean lion by orderly examination of a collection of cranium examples. The two most common dental pathologies distinguished were steady loss and scraped area, and periodontitis. TMJ-OA was the third most common injury in this considers and was found in nearly 50% of the inspected examples. Obtained injuries were more as often as possible seen than innate injuries [10]. Among the procured injuries, tooth misfortune and Periapical injuries were uncommon. The predominance of procured tooth misfortune within the Steller ocean lion was 1.4%, which is higher than detailed within the California ocean lion (0.4%), the southern ocean otter. Importantly, Steller ocean lions don't masticate their nourishment and the mechanical scraped area of nourishment or other remote things against teeth amid scavenging may be related to the broad tooth wear. In expansion, an expansive amount of coarse rock or fist-size rocks was commonly show within the stomach of Steller ocean lions; it is suspected that such rocks and rock would be spewed when the creatures start to scavenge. In spite of the fact that the reason for stone admissions is obscure, the starting ingestion, taken after by spewing forth of stones, may conceivably contribute to extra mechanical scraped area.

Conclusion

Spewing forth may too cause corrosive demineralization of tooth substance, declining the wear. Moreover, it has been guessed that over the top tooth wear in California ocean lions is related with a combination of mechanical scraped spot against nourishment things and corrosive demineralization auxiliary to spewing forth of nourishment in arrange to expel the inedible spines and hard structures of prey.

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Conflict of Interest

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