

Re: Two dental puzzles...

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It's hard to tell without looking at them; if you could post xrays of the teeth in question it would be a great help.

Puzzle 1: It all depends on how badly you want to save that tooth. Ask your endodontist to eyeball what the approximate chance of success would be in his opinion, considering all the complicating factors. You need to know not only if the root canal has a good chance of working, but also how easy it would be to restore the tooth to it former shape and function afterwards. Then you can weight this info with how much it's going to cost you and how desperate you are for keeping that tooth and take a decision.

Puzzle 2: It's not going to work. You will not gain anything and you might end up with more damage. Back teeth have that flat shape for a reason, they are designed to crush food. What you want to do is give them an unnatural shape and an unnatural function. If these teeth are truly unrestorable as you've said, there is no patch-up material that will stay there for the long term and even if it did the design you have in mind would not improve your masticatory ability. On the contrary, a poor design might lead to problems like food impaction threatening the wellbeing of adjacent teeth.

Regards,
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