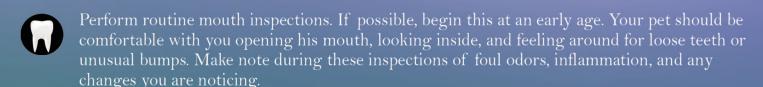
Dental Health And Your Pet

Most people don't realize the impact dental hygiene can have on your pets' overall health. By age 3, **Bad Breath** most dogs and cats have some evidence of periodontal disease. Periodontal disease begins when food particles and bacteria Tartar Covering **Loss of Appetite** are allowed to accumulate along the the Teeth pet's gumline. It can form plaque which 7 Signs of will harden into tartar that firmly adheres to teeth. You may notice some tartar on your pets' teeth, but the most serious **Dental Disease** bacteria is from plaque that has spread under the gumline, causing **Bleeding from Mouth** in Dogs & Cats **Discolored Teeth** gum irritation and an inflammatory condition called gingivitis. This bacteria can potentially spread to the bloodstream causing liver and kidney disease, Discomfort When infections of the heart and lungs, diabetes, **Excessive Drooling** Touching Mouth Area and autoimmune diseases.

Periodontal disease in pets is very common but fortunately it is easily preventable. Follow some of these tips for controlling dental disease and providing your pets with a healthy, happy, long life!



Brush your pet's teeth regularly, preferably every day. Use an animal specific toothpaste. These are safe for your pet and flavored to be appealing to them. If your pet is uncomfortable having their teeth brushed, start slow by simply applying toothpaste to your finger and gently rubbing your finger along their gumline. Do this a few times each week and then begin to introduce the toothbrush.

If you can't brush your pet's teeth, ask us about other products that will help maintain proper dental health. Tartar control chews may reduce plaque and tartar formulation simply by chewing. Products can be added to your pet's food and water to break down the biofilm made by bacteria, decreasing plaque and tartar buildup. Also, specially designed dental pet food will provide a complete balanced diet with added dental benefits.

Arrange regular exams with your veterinarian. We will alert you of any problems, discuss treatment options, and provide you with the best products to keep periodontal disease at bay.