

The Importance of Home Care in Pet Dental Health

Can you imagine what your teeth would look like, feel like, or what your breath would smell like if you never brushed your teeth? We humans complain about dog and cat breath, but is it any wonder? It isn't just the things dogs sometimes choose to chew on, or the fact that cats' hair brushes are their tongues that cause that bad breath. It's disease in the gums, the teeth, and the jaw bones around the teeth. Getting into a daily habit of brushing or even just wiping your pet's teeth is an excellent way to improve their health and their breath. As with any new habit, it can be a challenge at first to set aside time and remember to do it, but soon it will become as routine as brushing your own teeth. Many pets enjoy the taste of pet toothpaste, and will begin to remind you!

Plaque on teeth is loaded with bacteria that get into your pet's bloodstream and can cause infection in other body parts. The heart valves, liver, kidneys, and joints are all places disease can settle. Not only can lifespans be lengthened by keeping mouths healthy, but definitely quality of life can be improved.

If tooth brushing for your pet is new to you, come in and let us show you how to get started! We have poultry flavored enzymatic toothpaste that most pets like, and even just starting by wiping the teeth will help oral health. We can also help you assess the dental needs of your pet. Some mouths will require a professional cleaning first, followed with preventative care by you at home. It's never too early to start a good daily oral care habit!

