



Home Dental Care

Proper care of the teeth is one of the most important and often ignored preventive health measures for your pet. Home dental care is best implemented very early in a pet's life to ensure an easy adjustment and acceptance of treatment. The following list can help you customize a dental care program for your pet:

1. **Brushing** your pet's teeth is the **best way** to prevent dental tartar and disease. Daily brushing is ideal, as it is for our teeth. However, brushing can be effective if performed a minimum of three times per week in order to remove plaque before it forms tartar. We carry different flavors of pet toothpaste and Orazeon dental gel. Never use human toothpaste as the fluoride can be toxic when swallowed.

2. **Oral Hygiene Rinse** is available for dogs and cats. The rinse is meant to be used once daily when brushing is not an option. The rinse, though not as effective as brushing, works because it contains chlorhexidine, an anti-bacterial antiseptic that kills the bacteria in the mouth for up to 24 hours. When bacteria is not allowed to live in the mouth, tartar and plaque does not form. You simply put one squirt in the pet's mouth and the pet will swish it around on its own and do the work for you.

3. **Oral Hygiene Chews/Treats** for dogs and cats are an easy way to help keep your pet's teeth clean on a daily basis. Chews/treats work either mechanically or enzymatically. The mechanical products will "physically" remove plaque and tartar and the enzymatic products work to disinfect the mouth and kill bacteria that cause plaque and tartar. Used once daily, these products help to keep your pet's teeth nice and clean. Pets should be monitored when they are using these chews in order to make sure they are chewing appropriately and not biting off large chunks.

4. **Dental Diets** are formulated to physically remove plaque from the teeth. These diets are well-balanced and safe to use as a maintenance diet. We carry Hills T/D for cats and dogs which is a specially formulated kibble which acts as a squeegee across the teeth and removes plaque. T/D is a complete diet in itself but can be fed as 25-50% of an overall diet plan and still provide tartar control benefits.

If you have any questions or need help in designing a home dental care plan, we'd be happy to help. A large number of dental products are guaranteed. If you or your pet does not like the product, you can return it to us for a full refund.



All Pets Center Oral Care Products

Tartar Control Diet - Hills T/D Formulation of the kibble causes food to act as a squeegee across the surface of the tooth.

C.E.T. Chews-have enzymes to remove plaque and prevent the buildup of harmful bacteria. Abrasive action of the chews and the plaque fighting enzymes keep breath fresh and teeth clean. Clients need to supervise their pets when they are using the chews.

C.E.T Toothpaste - is specifically formulated to be safe, effective, and appealing to your dog or cat and unlike people toothpaste is meant to be swallowed. Daily brushing with C.E.T.toothbrushes and toothpaste provides the very best in home dental care.

OraZn- Neutralized zinc; taste free, chlorhexidine free, natural formula. Natural oral cleansing without brushing instant fresh breath and superior per acceptance.

Nolvadent-oral cleansing rinse to assist in the daily maintenance of a healthy and pleasant smelling mouth in dogs and cats through the removal of food particles and other debris from the teeth and gum line.