



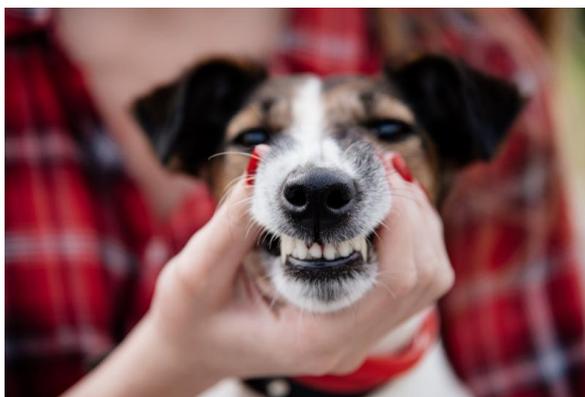
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Does My Pet Need A Dental Cleaning?



How often do you brush your teeth?

Answer honestly! Don't worry, this isn't a guilt trip to get you to the dentist. Speaking of dentists, though, how often do you go in for a checkup? Once or twice a year? Last question. How much did it hurt the last time you had a cavity?



Our pets' mouths are no different from our own! ...Well, okay, they're a little more slobbery. However, we humans brush our teeth on a daily basis to avoid periodontal disease and general mouth discomfort (no one likes the fuzzy feeling of plaque on their teeth), so should we be doing the same for our pets? Of course!

Common Pet Dental Issues

Pets are susceptible to the same types of dental issues as humans. Pets teeth get plaque, calculus and infection. But, would you believe that 80% of dogs and cats have some sort of inflammation either around their gums, roots, or even bones in the mouth? This is because we many owners do not give them the same level of dental care that we give ourselves.

Dental disease in pets (and humans) can lead not only to pain and tooth loss, but the bacteria can also spread through the body to damage organs and shorten your pet's life. Bacteria can form plaque on teeth in just a few days. Imagine all that plaque forming in the bloodstream and vital organs.

This is why keeping your pet's teeth clean is so vital. While there are several things you can do to prevent dental disease, your pet should still have a dental checkup and cleaning by a veterinarian once or twice a year-just like humans do!

Prevention Practices

There are a lot of ways to help keep your pet's mouths clean and avoid expensive dental surgery bills. You might already use some of them, like teeth cleaning toys, dental chews, rinses, and oil sprays. While these things definitely help reduce the risk for plaque buildup and disease, they are not as effective as a thorough brushing.

Despite brushing regularly, humans still see the dentist once or twice a year for checkups and cleaning. The same should be done for our pets- especially since we are less likely to brush our pet's teeth every single day like we do our own.



When Does Your Pet Need Dental Attention?

Sometimes, waiting for the next annual exam is not enough for our pets because they need dental attention now. It can be hard to tell when your pet is experiencing tooth problems, though. They do give you a few clues, though. You may notice them not tugging as hard on their toys, avoiding hard, dry foods, or rubbing their faces a lot. These are all signs that your furry friend might be experiencing dental discomfort.

If you are ever in doubt about your pet's dental health, don't wait until their next regular checkup. Book an appointment at Adobe Animal Hospital and we'll be glad to give your pets the dental treatment they need. Regular dental cleanings are a huge step in preventing more serious (and expensive) medical procedures down the road.

DENTAL CARE

HELPS YOUR PET LIVE LONGER!

Dental disease is the **#1** illness affecting pets, and can affect heart, kidney, and lung function.



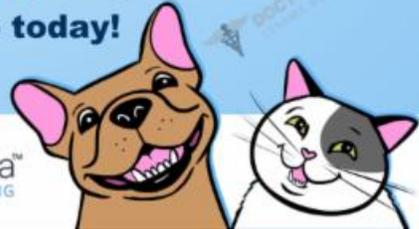
59% of pet owners surveyed did not know that! Proper oral care can prevent dental disease.

By age 3, **70%** of cats have a form of dental disease. Your vet can help keep their teeth healthy with a professional cleaning.



That number is higher for dogs, at **80%** Your dog can learn to allow you to brush their teeth. Flavored toothpaste helps.

Good dental care can help a pet live up to **20%** longer!
Talk to your veterinarian about dental care today!





**Please make an appointment
to discuss your pet's health:**



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