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Dentistry for your pets

THE RISKS

As many as 70-80% of dogs and cats develop dental disease by the age of 3 years old. Dental disease is caused by bacteria and plaque build up on teeth and gums. This bacteria causes bad breath, pain, and gingivitis. Those same bacteria also travel through your pet's bloodstream to the heart, lungs, liver and kidneys.

The best defense is a good offense! Every year that goes by for your pet is similar to us going to the dentist every 5-10 years. Genetics also play a big part in pet dental disease. If your pet has poor dental genetics, once yearly professional cleanings are a minimum.

Dental disease is preventable and treatable! Regular home and professional cleaning can help stop the buildup of bacteria and plaque. You can prolong life and increase happiness of your pet! Your pet's teeth are important. Make an appointment for an evaluation today.



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*Our pets cannot tell us when
their teeth are painful,
infected, and ready to erupt.*



Layers of tartar and bacterial growth can have serious effects on your pet's heart and kidneys, and it is often very painful.



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THE SYMPTOMS

Dogs and cats do not often reveal obvious signs of pain or illness. Animals tend to hide their symptoms of pain and illness to maintain pack hierarchy and to decrease predator concerns. Pet owners are often surprised when their pets “act like he did years ago,” after they have a professional dental cleaning.

Check your pet's teeth on a regular basis, making sure to look all the way back to their molars. Are the teeth pearly white with normal pink gums, or are they yellow, green, or brown? Are the gums swollen, red, or bleeding? These are all symptoms of plaque, tartar, gingivitis, or more serious, periodontal disease. If left untreated, these problems can be painful, lead to loss of appetite, excessive drooling, and loose teeth.

“One, who maintains cleanliness keeps away diseases.”

-SAM VEDA