

DENTAL HOME CARE FOR YOUR DOG



Brushing your pet's teeth daily, or at least 3 times per week, is essential in maintaining proper dental health.

DOGGY DENTAL FACTS:

- Signs of dental problems include bad breath, yellow-brown crust on teeth, bleeding from the gums, difficulty eating, abnormal drooling, dropping food from the mouth, swallowing food without chewing, losing teeth, pain when the mouth is manipulated, and bad breath. Dogs are not supposed to have "dog breath"!
- Small dog breeds and dogs that have beards are more likely to develop periodontal disease than large dogs because the teeth of small dogs are often too large for their mouths.
- A broken tooth is a common problem, especially among outdoor dogs. Aggressive chewing on hard objects is often the primary cause.

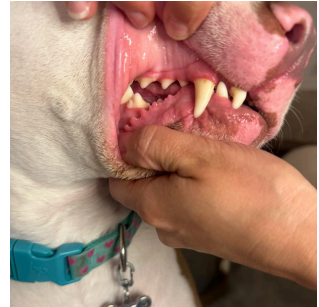
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Watch Dr. Douglas Dean demonstrate brushing a dog's teeth.



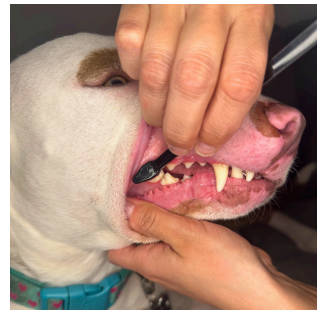
1 Acquaint Your Dog With The Process

For the first few sessions, don't use a toothbrush. Hold your dog as if you are cuddling and gently stroke the outside of his/her cheeks with your finger. After your pet is comfortable with that, try rubbing your finger along the gums. Next, place a dab of pet toothpaste on your finger and let him/her taste it.



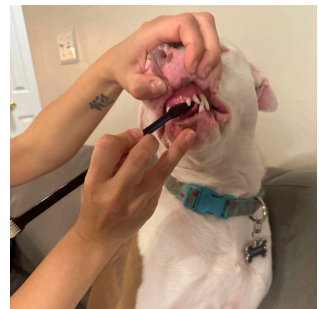
2 Introduce The Toothbrush

Place a small amount of pet toothpaste on the toothbrush. In a slow back-and-forth motion, brush one or two teeth and the gum line. This gets your dog accustomed to the feel of the brush.



3 Begin Brushing

Over the next several days, gradually increase the number of teeth brushed. It is important to eventually brush the rear teeth where plaque and tartar have a greater tendency to accumulate. Slowly and gently pull open the cheek with your fingers to reach the back areas. Stop brushing before your dog begins to fuss. If he/she learns to dislike the procedure and figures out that fussing makes you stop more quickly, then brushing is going to get harder rather than easier. Gradually build up to about 30 seconds per side. Concentrate only on the outside surfaces of the teeth (towards the cheek). Dogs accumulate very little tartar on the insides.



4 Make Brushing a Pleasurable Experience

Proceed slowly and gently. Stop each session while it is still fun and lavishly praise your dog afterwards with petting and treats. Patience, dedication, and snacks may be necessary! For optimum oral hygiene, brush your dog's teeth every day.

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