

Pet Dental Care

Oral Health for our Pets

Good dental pet care is an important part of good general health for your pet.

Why is dental health important?

- Oral disease over time leads to heart disease, kidney disease, liver disease, and lung disease.
- Good oral health increases the life expectancy of our pets
- Dental disease hurts, we often do not see how much this effects our pets
- Dental disease leads to bad breath
- Poor dental care leads to tooth loss

Signs of dental disease in dogs and cats

- Bad smelling odor from mouth
- Discolored teeth or teeth covered in tartar
- Gum inflammation
- Loose teeth
- Painful mouth, pet may shy away from you when you touch the mouth area
- Drooling or dropping food from the mouth
- Bleeding from the mouth
- Loss of appetite or weight loss



Prevention of Dental disease

- Regular professional cleanings
- Dental x-rays to see the entire tooth
- Regular veterinary exams and pet health consultations
- Brushing teeth – at least once every other day
 - Only use a veterinarian approved toothpaste.
 - Finger brushes or long soft bristle toothbrushes work best depending on pet size.



- Dental treats
 - Only use products that are accepted by the Veterinary Oral Health Council (VOHC) and has their seal of approval.
- Hills Prescription Diet T/D
- Oral rinses

Check out our online store where you can get oral care products, toys, food, and many other products shipped right to your door!

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Dental Cleanings for Your Pet.

Important information before, during, and after dental cleanings.

- Anesthesia free dental cleanings
 - Sometimes offered by well-meaning yet naïve animal enthusiasts such as groomers, although effective cleaning must get under the gum line with specific dental tools and
 - are difficult to do without the pet anesthetized.
- Fasting
 - Your pet should be fasted from all food from the night before your appointment after 9:00 o'clock PM. Do not feed your pet breakfast the morning of your appointment either. Water and regular medicine are fine.
- Blood work
 - Either pre-anesthetic or a senior blood panel is always recommended before putting a pet under anesthesia. Doing so, will help detect any organ disease or infection that we wouldn't know of other- wise.
- Radiographs
 - In order to do a complete evaluation of the whole tooth, we must look above the gum line.
 - We take radiographs (x-rays) of the entire mouth to ensure all the teeth are getting the proper care.
- Pulling teeth vs. extractions
 - Pulling teeth is when the tooth has become so diseased over time that the roots are no long effective at holding the tooth in place. Dental disease is usually very advanced.
 - Extraction is dental surgery to remove a diseased tooth such as a tooth root abscess and often entails procedures such and gingival flaps and sometimes removing diseases bone.
 - Our Dr's always suture the space where the tooth was to prevent food or other foreign bodies from getting packed into them. Doing so helps for a faster, less painful healing time.
- Pain control and antibiotics
 - We always take the proper precautions when it comes to pain or infection. We pre-med each pet with an anti-inflammatory pain medication to prevent them from waking up in pain and we give them an injection of an antibiotic to prevent them from getting an infection.
 - When a pet must have teeth removed (or extracted) they will go home with medications to continue.
 - A free, follow up appointment will be scheduled as needed to make sure your pet is healing up nicely after his or her dental cleaning.

After your pet has had his or her dental cleaning, you can start brushing their teeth as soon as a couple days after (if extractions were needed, wait until sutures are dissolved). Remember to always use a veterinary approved toothpaste. Greenie treats and Science Diet TD dog food are great ways at preventing tartar from building up on your dog's teeth again. Nothing will keep the tartar and infection away like daily brushing and annual dental cleanings So book your appointment today!! Check out our online store at emeryanimalhealth.myvetstoreonline.pharmacy to get oral health products, food, treats, toys, and other products shipped right to your door!

