



AT HOME ORAL CARE



LENOIR CITY ANIMAL CLINIC

Caring for your pet's teeth and gums is vital to their ongoing health and prevents foul-smelling breath, chronic pain and infection. Your pet's teeth and gums should be checked at least once a year by a veterinarian to look for early signs of problems.

We recommend practicing oral homecare to keep your pet's mouth healthy in between routine professional dental cleanings.

ORAL HOMECARE INCLUDES:

✓ A Daily Teeth Brushing

- Child's Soft-Bristled Toothbrush
(*extra-long handle works best*) and/or
- Dental Wipes or a Finger Toothbrush

✓ Veterinarian-Approved Pet Dental Products

- Pet Toothpaste - **Human Dental Products are Toxic!**
- Dental Food, Chews, & Treats
- Antiseptic Rinses or Water Additives

CHOOSING THE RIGHT PET DENTAL PRODUCTS

Ask your veterinarian. There are thousands of dental home care products that claim to decrease your pet's plaque or tartar. Choose products and food that have been awarded the Veterinary Oral Health Council (VOHC) Accepted Seal.



ROUTINE VETERINARY CHECKUPS & CLEANINGS

Oral homecare is not a replacement for regular veterinary checkups and thorough professional dental cleanings. Dental cleanings are an essential part of your pet's annual care to assess and treat any problems or diseases.

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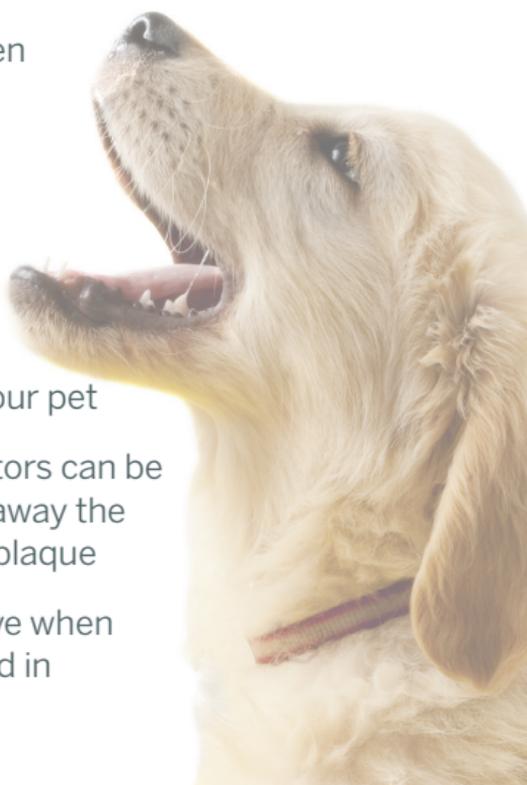
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STEPS TO AT-HOME TEETH BRUSHING:

- Position you and your pet comfortably
- Gently lift your pet's lips to expose teeth
- Rub your finger gently over your pet's teeth and gums to acclimate them to the motions
- Put a small amount of pet toothpaste on your finger and gently glide across their teeth
- Replace your finger with a bristled brush with toothpaste at 45 degree angle across the gum line
- Proceed in a circular pattern and build up to 30 seconds on each side of your pet's mouth
- Remember to brush the upper and lower teeth
- Brushing too hard can lead to gingival damage
- Reward and praise often

TIPS

- Ask a family member to help
- Remain patient with your pet
- Cotton-tipped applicators can be used to partially wipe away the daily accumulation of plaque
- Cats are more receptive when the applicator is dipped in tuna water



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