

Why the dental hygiene of your pet should be a priority.

Periodontal disease affects more than 85 percent of dogs and more than 70 percent of cats over three years old. Oral disease is, in fact, the number-one health problem in small animals. This area of your pet's care is vital because, if left untreated, periodontal disease can progress to infect the liver, kidneys, heart and lungs. Each of these organs is susceptible to the invasion of toxins and bacteria traveling through the bloodstream.

Periodontal disease starts as gingivitis, an inflammation of the gums brought about by bacteria that have formed a coating on the tooth's surface called plaque. Inflamed gums eventually pull away from the teeth, forming pockets that provide a fertile breeding ground for bacteria. Teeth become loose and then lost. The bacteria and toxins now have a clear path to your pet's unprotected systems. It's painful and irreversible.



Thomasville Veterinary Hospital has earned full accreditation from the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA). Our facility meets AAHA's high standards for patient care, medical and surgical procedures, diagnostics, hospital management and record keeping. We are regularly inspected by the organization to assure that all criteria for accreditation are maintained.

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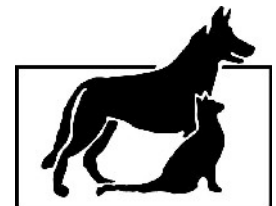
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Dental Health



Warning signs of bad dental hygiene.

- Bad breath
- Red and swollen gums
- Yellow-brown crust of tartar around the gum line
- Pain or bleeding when you touch the gums or mouth.



What to do if you think there might be a problem.

If you notice any of these problems, or any change in eating habits, please contact us to schedule a dental exam as soon as possible.

How can I decrease the chance of periodontal disease in my pets?

- Start brushing their teeth when they're young and reward them with a treat.
- Regular checkups, daily brushing and healthy meals are also essential to good health.
- When your pet reaches adulthood, routine dental cleanings are the best procedure to fight the build up of tartar and plaque on your pets' teeth.
- Antibiotics from your veterinarian can be effective in killing different types of infection-causing bacteria, as well as organisms that cause bad breath.

Dental Products and Care

- CET Enzymatic Oral Hygiene Chews
- CET Flavored Toothpaste
- ORA Vet Plaque Prevention gel
- DH Purina Veterinarian Diet (Dental Health)
- Annual Dental Cleaning

Proper technique for brushing your pets' teeth.

- Start with offering toothpaste on a treat so they get used to the consistency.
- Brush the outsides of the teeth only.
- Hold the toothbrush at a 45-degree angle and apply it to the area where teeth and gums meet.
- Brush in small circles, overlapping several teeth. Finish with vertical strokes to pull plaque from between the teeth.
- Repeat this process until all the teeth are clean.

