

# Dental Health Tips and Tricks for Your New Fur Baby

Dogs, like humans, need their teeth cleaned regularly to ensure proper oral health. Unfortunately, our pet's do not say "ahhh" and allow us to clean between the teeth or under the gumline like you may do at the dentist. Therefore, they require anesthetic cleanings to make sure we can do a full oral exam and clean the teeth front to back. They are put under general anesthesia, just like they would if they were getting spayed or neutered, and are monitored very closely during the whole procedure.



*To help prevent the frequency of dental cleanings, there are a lot of things that you can do at home for your puppy to keep their teeth healthy. You can brush their teeth and/or use a variety of dental products.*

## Breeds and likelihood of acquiring dental disease

- Small breeds
- Collies
- Greyhounds
- Brachycephalic breeds

Veterinary Oral Health Council (**VOHC**) has a list of recommended products for oral hygiene, here are some of our favorites!

- Hills's Prescription Diet t/d bites (we use these for treats in the clinic!)
- Petmile or CET Professional Pet Toothpaste
- Vetradent Liquid Water Additive
- ProDen PlaqueOff Powder
- Oravet Dental Chews or Clenz-a-dent Dental Sticks

Things you want to stay away from are items like bones, yak milk chews, sticks, antlers, rawhides, Bully sticks, or pig ears. They can potentially damage the teeth or fracture them. Some of these products can cause gastrointestinal upset or intestinal blockage even.



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## 10 STEPS

### TO BRUSHING YOUR DOG'S TEETH



**1** Pick the right time and place



**2** Find the right tools



**3** Let your dog taste test



**4** Get your hands in there



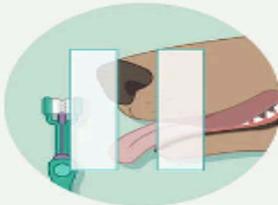
**5** Introduce the brush



**6** Work your way back



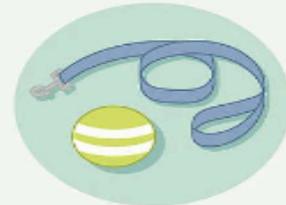
**7** Try out new positions



**8** Give your dog a break



**9** Practice, practice, practice



**10** Finish with a reward