

Elkhorn Animal Hospital

Dental Home Care

Now that you have invested in the care of your pet's dental health and overall well being, we would like to offer some suggestions to keep your pet's breath fresh and teeth and gums healthy. The following is a list of available home care options. You can choose one or all that are feasible for your pet and lifestyle. The more you can do at home to care for your pet's teeth, the longer your pet will enjoy the healthy mouth we have worked hard to provide.

Brushing

Brushing your pet's teeth on a regular basis (3-4times weekly) is an excellent way to control tartar and plaque. Begin using a soft cloth or gauze and rub the outside surface of the tooth. Next, try a soft toothbrush dipped in warm water. The next step is to use toothpaste formulated for pets. Do not use human toothpaste or baking soda as they can cause stomach upset and are too high in sodium.

Oravet gel

Once weekly application of Oravet gel will significantly help slow down the accumulation of plaque and subsequently tartar. Just lift the lip and use either the applicator provided or your finger and gently apply a thin film to the outside surfaces of the teeth. Brushing and other products will not decrease the effectiveness of Oravet. Start applying Oravet 2 weeks after your pet's dental visit.

T/D Diet

Hill's Science Diet makes a food that is designed to clean the surface of the teeth as your pet chews. It is available for both dogs and cats and can be fed as a treat or as the sole diet.

Dental Chews

There are a variety of chews that help keep your pet's teeth clean. Some are medicated to help decrease bacteria and plaque build-up. Some chews that we recommend are C.E.T. chews and Greenies. The most important consideration is that your pet enjoys the taste and will chew on a regular basis (3-4 times weekly)

Aquadent

Aquadent is added to your pets drinking water daily to help fight plaque and freshen your pet's breath.