

DENTAL PRODUCTS WE RECOMMEND



DENTAL CHEWS

Purina Veterinary Diets Dental Chewz Canine Treats® are formulated to provide both an enjoyable treat experience and between meal dental benefits. These high protein, low-fat, digestible chew treats have been proven to significantly reduce the accumulation of tartar.

C.E.T. ORAL HYGIENE KIT®

The C.E.T.® Enzymatic Toothpaste features the Dual-Enzyme System formulated for dogs to provide a natural antibacterial action. Acts quickly to help neutralize mouth odors. The toothpaste is palatable and formulated to be safe when swallowed by the pet.

The C.E.T.® Fingerbrush is an ideal beginner toothbrush to help acquaint the pet and the pet owner to the toothbrushing experience.

The C.E.T.® Dual-Ended Toothbrush provides a long handle with reverse angle heads which allows for easy application. The tapered ends conform to pet's mouth and teeth. Dual-ended for large and small tooth surfaces. Soft bristles assure a gentle, well tolerated application.

C.E.T. ENZYMATIC TOOTHPASTE® – POULTRY OR MALT FLAVOR

Dual-Enzyme system formulated for dogs and cats provides natural antibacterial action. Palatable and formulated to be safe when swallowed by the pet. Acts quickly to help neutralize mouth odors.

CANINE/FELINE T/D Key Benefits

Prescription Diet® t/d® is formulated with the following benefits:

- Unique kibble scrubs away laden plaque in the mouth to promote systemic health
- Clinically proven to reduce plaque, stain and tartar buildup
- Reduces bad breath
- Added antioxidants to control cell oxidation and promote a healthy immune system
- Awarded the Veterinary Oral Health Council (VOHC) Seal of Acceptance for helping reduce both plaque and tartar accumulation



HANOVER GREEN VETERINARY CLINIC



Dental Disease

DENTAL DISEASE

Dental Disease in domestic pets is a very common problem, occurring in older animals most frequently, yet it can even appear in one or two-year-old animals. Excessive hair growth around the muzzle, in breeds such as schnauzers, poodles, and terriers, may act as a carrier of contaminating bacteria. In addition, these smaller pampered breeds are often fed highly palatable, soft, canned food and/or table scraps, which make them susceptible to gum disease.

Dental Disease and its associated problems can be minimized with preventative techniques, but once entrenched, usually requires a dental intervention with anesthesia to correct the situation.

A thorough physical examination is required to evaluate the general health of the patient, especially relating to heart or kidney problems, severity of mouth infection, and relative risk of anesthesia. Prior to the anesthetic procedure, especially in older dogs and cats, the veterinarian may advise laboratory testing to evaluate liver and kidney functioning. Healthy dogs and cats, free of any history of heart, liver or kidney ailments, should have negligible risk with modern anesthetic procedures. An appointment is made to bring in your pet between 7:30 and 9:00 a.m., after a 12 hour fast. The dentistry will be performed in the morning, so that, in most cases, the patient will be sufficiently awake to go home that evening. Soft food should be given for two or three days to avoid discomfort.

Preventative techniques can vary from pet toothbrushes, paste, "chew" foods, and toys, to what veterinarians more frequently recommend: gauze squares with water along the outer surfaces of both upper and lower teeth. Pay close attention to the molars. These are very commonly affected, but aren't readily visible on casual examination. Gradually add a mixture of baking soda and peroxide (mix together to form a paste) on a gauze square. Rub the teeth gently, especially in the gum area where tartar usually accumulates. The advantage of the hydrogen peroxide is its bubbling action to clean the crevices that are difficult to reach. The baking soda acts as a mild abrasive and deodorant. Proper brushing of your pet's teeth can gradually reduce tartar and plaque formation that leads to gingivitis- an inflammation of the gums. A number of commercial products are also available such as mouth rinses, "finger" brushes, and non-foaming tooth paste.

Preventative techniques also apply to diet control. A diet which includes dry, hard food on a regular basis, plus vitamin-mineral supplementation and no table scraps can provide the basis for healthy teeth and gums. Everyone knows how much pets love scraps from our plate; resist the temptation in the interest of their long-term health, and a reduction in dental problems.

With good dental hygiene, tartar and its associated conditions may be lessened and possibly prevented, thus minimizing the need for dental care in the future. Remember- it is unrealistic to expect that by merely feeding your dog hard food or chewbones, its teeth and gums will remain healthy. The secret to healthy teeth and gums is a combination of all the steps we have recommended.



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HOW DOES YOUR PET'S MOUTH LOOK?

Dental disease is a silent process that may cause many other illnesses, including kidney, heart, and blood infections. When pets don't receive the dental care they need to keep their teeth clean and their gums healthy, their mouths can harbor bad bacteria. Ask your nurse or veterinarian for more information.



Stage 1

Here is a healthy mouth with normal bacterial flora, sound gums, and minimal plaque buildup.



Stage 2

You can see the inflammation caused on the gum tissue from the bacterial buildup in the beginning stages of dental disease. While the teeth still appear somewhat healthy, the health of the mouth is starting to decline.



Stage 3

This shows an unhealthy oral cavity with unfavorable bacteria, gum and inner lip ulcerations, receding gums, root exposure, and plaque buildup. Some tooth loss is probable. This condition may be painful.



Stage 4

This mouth is full of pus, bacteria, and disease. The teeth are falling out and the gums are severely inflamed and infected. The roots are infected and exposed. *Tooth loss is imminent.* This condition is probably painful.

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