



PREVENTATIVE DENTAL HOME CARE FOR YOUR PET

The goal of any pet dental home care program is to decrease plaque (bacterial film) and prevent tartar formation on your pet's teeth which can lead to inflammation of the gums and periodontal disease. Prevention of periodontal disease involves a multifaceted approach combining daily brushing with the use of diets, chews, and treats. Preventative dental home care is the least expensive and most rewarding form of home care. Home care can make a significant difference in your pet's overall health and comfort. Remember, the more that you can do at home, the less will need to be done by your veterinarian.

Daily brushing remains the single most effective way to decrease plaque and tartar. Daily brushing mechanically eliminates the plaque or sticky film that forms on your pet's teeth thus preventing the development of tartar and inflammation of the gums.

For cats, we recommend either Enzadent or CET toothpaste applied with a small toothbrush, fingerbrush or soft cloth to remove plaque before it turns into tartar. You know your cat best and will be able to find the tool that works best for you and your pet.

For dogs, we recommend flavored CET toothpaste or Enzadent toothpaste applied with a toothbrush, fingerbrush or a soft-bristled brush. For all pets, avoid using human toothpaste as it has ingredients that may be harmful.

Brush **ONLY** the *outside* of all your pet's teeth with the same circular motion that you use on your own teeth. Pay special attention to the gumline where plaque and tartar tend to accumulate. Don't forget to brush the teeth in the back of your pet's mouth! Remember to make it a pleasant experience for everyone. Praise! Praise! Praise!