Dental Care: Small Pet Health Quiz

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Small pets need healthy teeth. Like in all animals, including humans, teeth allow food to be broken down and digested so essential nutrients, vitamins, and minerals can be absorbed and used by the body. But with small pets - who also use their mouths to explore their surroundings, carry objects, and defend themselves - adverse dental health can also limit your small pet's overall happiness and survival. You can read our article on Small Pet Dental Anatomy and Care to learn more about this important topic and to help you with this quiz.

True or False Quiz

Fill in the Blank Quiz

Answer Key

Decide if these statements are True or False.

1. Small pets, similar to humans, use their teeth strictly for obtaining and eating food. _____
2. The dental anatomy of all small pets is tailored, in part, to maximize their diets. _____
3. Just like humans, all small pets have the same number of teeth. _____
4. A herbivore eats meat, an omnivore eats plants, and a carnivore eats everything. _____
5. Rabbits are constantly chewing their food because they are bored. _____
6. "Cheek teeth" are the large, grinding teeth in the back of some small pets' mouths. _____
7. A rabbit is a rodent; therefore, their teeth are identical to those of rats, mice, and hamsters. _____
8. The teeth of rabbits and herbivorous rodents continually grow throughout life. _____
9. Rabbits have two sets of incisors in their mouths; rodents have only one. _____
10. The simplest way to care for your small pet's teeth is to not care about them. _____

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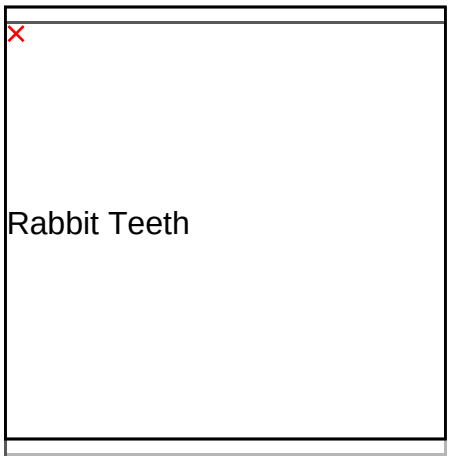

Fill in the blanks with the provided answers below.

A. Malocclusion	**F.** "Slobbers"
B. Overgrowth	**G.** High Fiber Diet
C. Herbivore	**H.** Trim
D. Incisors	**I.** Cheek Teeth
E. Impaction	**J.** Peg Teeth

1. In a rabbit's mouth, the _____ are the second, smaller set of incisors.
2. A _____ solely eats plants for dietary needs.
3. If a rabbit's or rodent's teeth are not continually worn, the teeth could experience _____.
4. Improperly aligned teeth is known as _____.
5. The simplest way to care for your small pet's teeth is to offer her a _____, rich in her natural foods.
6. Excessive salivation is sometimes called _____.
7. The _____ are the large, grinding teeth in the back of a rabbit's mouth.
8. If something becomes tightly wedged in your small pet's mouth, it is called an _____.
9. A veterinarian may be able to _____ your small pet's teeth, if they become too long.
10. The one set of front teeth in a rodent are called _____.

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Answer Key
True or False

1. False	**6.** True
2. True	**7.** False
3. False	**8.** True

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4. False **9.** True

5. False **10.** False

Fill in the Blank

1. J. Peg Teeth **6.** F. Slobbers

2. C. Herbivore **7.** I. Cheek Teeth

3. B. Overgrowth **8.** E. Impaction

4. A. Malocclusion **9.** H. Trim

5. G. High Fiber Diet **10.** D. Incisors

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