

# Dog Dental Health: 4 Solutions to Help Prevent Dental Disease

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## HEALTHCARE DENTAL CARE

### How to keep your dog's teeth healthy

Dental disease is the most common problem diagnosed in veterinary clinics. Studies show that even by age three, 80% of dogs exhibit signs of gum disease. Dogs who have not received proper dental care can develop

significant tartar and plaque buildup and gum erosion as they age and may develop life-threatening complications.

**DOGS WITH DENTAL DISEASE** can shed bacteria into the bloodstream. These bacteria may go to the heart, kidneys, or other organs and cause infections there. Periodontal disease involves inflammation and infection that destroys tissues supporting teeth, including gums, periodontal ligaments and tooth sockets. These dogs are often in pain, which may affect their appetite and cause them to eat less. If the disease is severe, they may lose teeth and even develop bone infections near the affected teeth.

**PLAQUE AND BACTERIA**, along with oral infections, also contribute to bad breath.

**HEALTHY TEETH AND GUMS** are a great start to having a healthy dog!

## SOLUTIONS

Dental care does not have to be difficult. We recommend four core steps that, when performed regularly, will do the most to ensure your dog's good oral health.

1. Have your dog's teeth and gums evaluated and cleaned by your veterinarian on a routine basis
2. Brush your dog's teeth regularly with a toothpaste specially made for dogs
3. If you cannot brush, use a bacteria-killing dental solution or use a dental cleaning pad daily

4. Offer your dog teeth-cleaning toys, rawhide, and treats

Products We Recommend to Keep Your Dog's Teeth Healthy



[Dental Clens®  
Pads](#)



[Pet Kiss  
Plaque & Tartar  
Control](#)



[ToothCare Dental  
Kit](#)



[Dental & Chew  
Toys](#)