WHY IS HOME DENTAL CARE FOR PETS SO IMPORTANT?

When it comes to cats and dogs, dental health problems are the most commonly diagnosed disorder at the vets.¹²





7/10 adult cats³

Dental health problems begin with the build-up of a bacterial biofilm on the teeth called plaque. If not removed, plaque will cause sore, red and/or bleeding gums, as well as bad breath. If this progresses, the teeth may become loose eventually falling out or requiring surgical removal.

Dental health problems are more than just a case of bad breath – your pet may be in a lot of discomfort. Pets don't always show obvious signs of discomfort – so even if yours is eating normally they could be suffering without you realising.

FIND OUT MORE AND DOWNLOAD FREE DENTAL CARE RESOURCES AT





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INTRODUCING THE PLAQTIV+ RANGE

Recommended by vets, **Plaqtiv+** is an oral home care range designed to simplify dental care in cats and dogs.



Product	Suitable for	Ease of use	About the product	Why use it?
Water additive	95	\$\$\$	The easiest product to use – simply add 2 capfuls to 600 ml of your pet's drinking water	 Quickly and easily becomes a daily habit Unflavoured so won't put your pet off their water
Sticks	P P		 Low calorie, daily stick with star shape to provide mechanical action against plaque Contain seaweed extract, scientifically proven to help prevent plaque 	Daily treat your dog will love that helps to prevent and remove plaque
One description of the second	g P		Easy to use – just lift your pet's upper lip to expose their teeth and gums, and spray twice on each side of the mouth	 No pressure on the gums, making it a good first step into a puppy's dental care routine Fits into a travel bag for easy use on-the-go
Dental winds with the state of	93		 Aids mechanical removal of plaque, without the difficulty of using a toothbrush Simply wrap the biodegradable wipe around your fingers and rub gently across your pet's teeth and gums 	Gets your pet used to contact with their teeth and gums, making it a good stepping stone to toothbrushing
Toothpaste	95	•	 The ultimate in oral care when used with a toothbrush Tasty malt flavour 	A more dedicated but very effective way to maintain your pet's oral health

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO START YOUR PLAOTIV+ PLAN

Regardless of your pet's age or history, it's never too late to start a dental care routine. Speak to your vet for advice, as they can help you establish a tailor-made routine for your pet.

Remember, just like in humans, a combination of dental home care methods will increase the effect.

Not sure which product to use and when? Follow the ideas below:

YOUNG PUPPIES AND KITTENS

- This is the perfect time to start a dental care routine it will take patience and practice!
- Start with the **spray** and then the **wipes** to get them used to having their mouth handled.
- Gradually work up to toothbrushing daily with the **toothpaste**.

UNABLE TO BRUSH EVERY DAY

- If you find toothbrushing tricky to do daily, simply add in other products.
- Use the water additive daily, so it's always there when your pet needs it, and/or use the sticks on days that you miss brushing.

UNABLE TO OPEN YOUR PET'S MOUTH?

- Use the water additive or sticks daily.
- Both can be used together for maximum effect on dental plaque and tartar.

UPCOMING OR RECENT DENTAL SURGERY

 The water additive can be used at least one month before the procedure, as well as during the recovery period when the mouth is healing.