



DENTAL HEALTH

Periodontal (gum) disease is the #1 diagnosed disease in our pets. Periodontal disease is preventable. It is caused by bacteria in the mouth producing tarter and causing inflammation. These bacteria can enter the blood stream from the mouth and can lead to kidney, heart, and other very serious diseases. These bacteria can also contribute to “bad breath”.

*Studies show that the lifespan of pets is **extended by 2-3 years** with proper and routine dental care.*

Dental cleaning includes...

- **Full oral exam** and evaluation of gums, teeth, tongue, and throat
- **Manual and ultrasonic scaling** of the teeth to remove plaque and tarter.
- **Polish teeth** to remove microscopic grooves that can harbor bacteria.
- **Advanced dental treatment** (extractions, odontoplasty, varnishing, etc.) as indicated with consent of estimate.

In addition to dental cleaning we recommend...

- **Pre-anesthetic screening** (to determine the safest anesthetic for your pet and screen for any unforeseen conditions in the liver, kidneys, blood, etc.).
- **IV catheterization with fluid therapy** (maintains blood pressure and allows for direct IV access in case of rare anesthetic complications).

Prevention

In addition to regular dental exams and cleaning you can help optimize your pets oral health with the use of Hill’s prescription diet T/D treats, CET chews, and CET toothpaste brushing. Ask us today for the best dental health plan for your pet.

If you have any questions or concerns about your pet’s dental health please contact us today (208) 365-6008.