

## LONG TERM DENTAL CARE

There are many products available to keep your pet's teeth healthy, prevent bad breath, and prolong the time between dental cleanings:

1. **Toothbrushing:** Some pets will allow their teeth to be brushed. We offer poultry and malt flavored toothpaste kits that come with a small finger-brush. This makes it easy to get to the large back teeth that tend to develop a lot of tartar. Use a circular motion when brushing and make sure to get all the teeth. Although it's great to brush your pet's teeth daily, sometimes our busy lives make that unrealistic. Once a week is a good goal.
2. **Hill's Science Diet T/D:** This is a prescription food that can be fed as treats or as your pet's main diet. It has been clinically shown to reduce gingivitis and remove plaque. Most dogs and cats love the taste and crunchiness of T/D.
3. **Maxi/Guard Gel:** This product is easily applied to the teeth (especially good for cats and dogs that will not allow toothbrushing) and helps heal gingivitis and reduces plaque. The product is tasteless and can be applied daily with fingers or a gauze pad.
4. **Nolvadent Oral Cleansing Solution:** This chlorhexidine solution helps to kill bacteria in the mouth and maintain fresh breath. It can be applied with your fingers, a gauze pad, or a toothbrush.
5. **C.E.T. Chews for cats:** These chewy treats mechanically remove plaque and contain chlorhexidine, killing bacteria in your cat's mouth.
6. **Greenies:** The Veterinary Oral Health Council has given it's seal of acceptance to these edible chew treats which control plaque and calculus. Most pet stores carry these tooth brush.



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