

DENTAL SOCIAL MEDIA CONTENT FOR VETERINARIANS

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Oral hygiene is just as important for dogs as it is for humans - and it's not just about smelly breath. Poor oral hygiene can lead to serious life-threatening conditions including kidney, liver, and heart muscle damage.

💙 Here are 4 easy ways to keep your dog's teeth clean:

🐾 1. BRUSHING. Specifically-designed dog toothbrushes with angled handles, soft bristles, and even multiple heads make reaching all the tiny nooks and crevices inside your dog's mouth easier and faster. You'll need toothpaste specifically designed for dogs, as human toothpaste contains toxic ingredients like xylitol and fluoride that could cause significant harm. Dog toothpaste comes in many appealing flavors like peanut butter, beef, and chicken. Try different combinations of toothpaste and toothbrushes to see what suits you and your pup best.

🐾 2. DOGGY DENTAL CHEWS. Dog dental chews come in different sizes and shapes, and feature ridges and nubs that dig into crevices between a dog's teeth to encourage blood flow through the gums. The hollow shapes and spaces allow dogs to better grip and chew more evenly. Always supervise your dog when they have a dental chew within reach.

🐾 3. CHEW TOYS. Providing dogs with a chew toy satisfies their natural instincts to chew, keeps them occupied, and helps improve their oral health. Chewing is the natural way for dogs to clean their teeth as the constant gnawing scrapes plaque off of teeth.

🐾 4. REGULAR DENTAL CHECKS AT THE VET. Most dogs need oral exams and cleanings at least once per year so our vets can check for early warning signs of serious problems. We can remove plaque below the gum line, where toothbrushes can't reach. We can also take x-rays to evaluate the health of the jawline and tooth roots.

Make your dog's dental health a priority and dog will thank you for it!

We offer FREE dental checks. Book an appointment online or call us on _____ if you have any concerns about your dog's teeth.

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SCALE & POLISH

How clean are your pet's teeth? 🦷

Regular dental checks are vital for your pet's health. Poor dental hygiene can result in a host of medical problems including gingivitis, periodontal disease, tooth loss, infection, and difficulty eating.

If your pet already has a build-up of tartar on their teeth, brushing alone won't be enough, they will require a dental scale and polish first.

Signs of dental disease may include:

- 🐾 Discolouration
- 🐾 Bad breath
- 🐾 Reluctance to eat
- 🐾 Bleeding or red gums
- 🐾 Loose teeth
- 🐾 Pawing at mouth

If you suspect that your pet may be having trouble with their teeth we urge you to book a consult with our vets as soon as possible on _____. 📞

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CATS - FORL

A serious dental problem we frequently see in cats is the presence of Feline Odontoclastic Resorptive Lesions (FORL). 🐱

These lesions erode the enamel off the crowns of a cat's teeth and bore in along the gum line, destroying the tooth and causing significant pain. They are extremely common and only affect cats. As they are a genetic problem, the only way to manage them is to perform routine scale and polishes and to extract the teeth as required.

Cats hide their pain very well, so signs can be subtle. Cats who have had tooth resorption diagnosed previously will very likely develop additional lesions in the future, so it's important to maintain regular dental check-ups.

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PUPPIES - DENTAL CHECKS

Many changes occur during teething so regular checkups are vital for puppies. 🐾 🦷

Abnormal tooth alignment can occur as your puppy's baby teeth come in and will usually worsen as their adult teeth follow. This is called malocclusion and is common in many small breeds of dogs. Retained baby teeth also cause problems as they are trying to occupy the same socket as the adult teeth. This leads to painful periodontal disease and tooth infection. Treatment usually involves surgical extraction of the offending teeth.

We offer FREE dental checks! If you have any questions about your puppy's teeth or if you would like to book a dental check-up, please call our friendly nurses on _____. 📞

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