Do I need to worry about dental disease?

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Dental disease affects up to 75% of dogs and cats. If neglected the process will continue and lead to:

- development of bad breath
- ⇒ buildup of plague and tarter
- inflammation, infection and regression of the gum (periodontal disease)
- root infection and toothache
- premature loss of teeth
- → possible development of liver, kidney and heart disease

















To help keep your cat and dog's teeth in good condition you should do the following:

feed a commercial, good quality dried from 'word go' (we stock <u>prescription oral</u> <u>hygiene foods</u> if regular foods do not seem to help)

avoid giving soft food / table scraps

provide dental chews to dogs (we stock special enzyme impregnated chews for good dental hygiene)

provide good quality <u>chew toys</u> to dogs

try to get into a routine of <u>tooth brushing</u> using pet toothpaste if tarter continues to build up, book in for a descale and polish

We will routinely examine teeth and gums at your annual vaccination but please feel free to contact the vet hospital if you would like a free nurse dental check.







Here are some of the products we stock which may help



Toys for dogs:

Quality 'Ferplast' teething play rope and 'Kongs' robust rubber chew toys which can also be filled with treats or 'Kongs' tasty paste.



Dental chews for dogs and tooth brushing kits:

Products to fight the build-up of oral plaque in dogs. 'Virbac': enzymatic tooth paste and toothbrush kits 'Logic': enzymatic tooth paste and orozyme chews





Prescription food:

for tarter control in dogs and cats













