

- Home care slows the changes by 20-60%, thus does not replace the need for annual anesthetic dental procedures.
- In a study of pets 1yr after an anesthetic dental procedure, those that had daily active homecare had 15% likelihood of a problem in 1yr, while those that had no or irregular homecare had 45% chance of a problem. That's a 3-fold difference!
- In a study of 20lb dogs only aged 1-7yrs, with owners declining to do home care, 98% progressed to bone loss in 60 weeks and it was 6 weeks faster for each year of age.
- In order to avoid tooth fracture, all pets should have nothing without flex for life (no bones, hooves, nylabones, antlers, and no nonflexible rawhides).

Dental Home Care

There are many things you can do to help delay the buildup of plaque on your pet's teeth. None of these treatments removes the tartar (mineralized) that is already present.

All work better with a clean slate.

Key Points:

- · Home care can be active or passive.
- Active home care is 3x more effective than passive.
- It has been shown that active homecare done daily is beneficial, yet brushing/wipes done less than 3 times weekly is equal to not doing it at all.
- VOHC products have proven efficacy; look for the seal.
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- Choose toys that are bendable, compressible or can indent with your thumbnail without the nail bending.

The most effective homecare you can do is brushing/wipes daily or every other day.

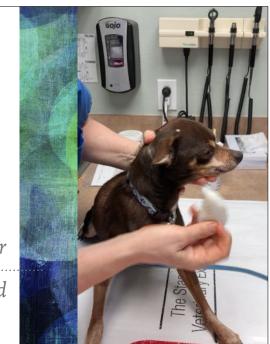
Active Home Care

Brushing/Wipes:

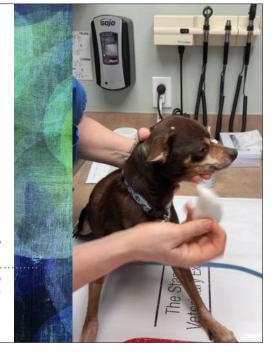
Of course, just as it is for us, tooth brushing is the best single method of home dental care for your pet. Brushing should be done with a finger toothbrush or a dental wipe as they are most reliable at reaching the gingival sulcus (the space between the gum and the tooth).

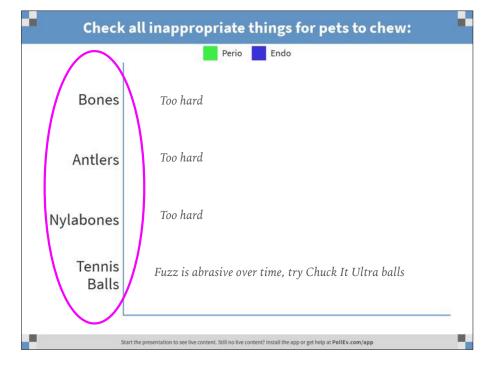
MaxiGuard wipes have a textured surface that can trap and show the plaque you've removed by brushing. They contain a tasteless zinc solution that aids in soft tissue healing. Using wipes takes less than a minute per day and is nearly 3 times more effective than passive home care choices.

Adding toothpaste to the wipe can add a treat action and additional benefit. VOHC PetSmile beef, chicken, or cheese flavor toothpaste has been shown to reduce plaque by up to 60%. CET poultry or vanilla mint flavors are other toothpaste tastes that can be tried. These toothpastes are specifically formulated to be safe, effective, and appealing to your dog or cat, and "unlike" people toothpastes, are meant to be swallowed.



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