

# FRESH FACTS ABOUT PET



# DENTAL HEALTH

**By age 3, 80% of dogs and 70% of cats have periodontal disease.**

## Why is dental care so important?

Bacteria associated with periodontal disease can enter the bloodstream, damaging your pet's heart, kidneys, and liver.

## Signs of periodontal disease in pets:

- Bad breath
- Swollen or bleeding gums
- Discolored teeth
- Pawing at the mouth
- Difficulty eating
- Excessive drooling

## Why does your pet need professional dental care?

**Over two-thirds** of each tooth is hiding beneath the gumline and can only be evaluated with x-rays.

**We use specialized instruments** to remove built-up tartar and plaque.

**Preventing dental disease** is less expensive than treatment.

**Proper dental care** can help your pet live years longer!

## Home care tips:

- Brush daily, or at least 3 times a week.
- Use a toothbrush and toothpaste designed for pets.
- Give vet-approved dental treats to help prevent decay.
- Provide safe chew toys.
- Ask us about special diets or water additives that can help keep teeth and gums healthy.

