

Why should I have my pet's teeth checked?

Just as in humans, good oral hygiene in your pet is important. Periodontal disease is common among adult cats and dogs. Periodontal disease is inflammation of gums and its surrounding tissues. If left untreated, periodontal disease can lead to tooth loss and decay, and possible risk of systemic infections.

What causes periodontal disease?

It all starts with plaque, which is a layer of bacteria, residual food and saliva which naturally forms on the surface of the teeth. This layer calcifies and forms tartar or calculus, causing inflammation of the gums (gingivitis). Pockets form between the teeth and under the gums and bacteria attack the tissues that hold the tooth in place, causing loosening of teeth.

Bacteria from the mouth can get into the bloodstream and cause serious infections in major organs such as the liver, lungs, heart and kidneys.

What are the signs of periodontal disease?

- Bad breath
- Excessive drooling
- Loose teeth
- Pawing at the face
- Red, swollen, or bleeding gums
- Changes in chewing or eating – Difficulty chewing food, Loss of appetite
- Accumulation of tartar on teeth

What is included in the Dental Services Pack?

It involves an ultrasonic scale and polish of all teeth to remove the plaque and tartar. We ask that you bring your pet in to us, in the morning with no breakfast. They will be anaesthetised and a scale and polish is performed. Once recovered from the anaesthetic, they can go home that evening. It is recommended for you to book an appointment with us in advanced.



DOES YOUR PET HAVE BAD BREATH?

Bad breath isn't just unpleasant
- it can be unhealthy.

