

Senlac Veterinary Centre

Mount Street, Battle & High Street, Robertsbridge

01424 772148

I Want to Brush my Pet's Teeth....but how??



Double-ended
Canine Toothbrush



Soft Finger
Toothbrush



Delicious (!)
meat-flavoured
Toothpaste-
safe for your pet
if swallowed

Daily brushing is the most efficient way to keep your pet's teeth white & sweet. Introduce tooth brushing very gradually. Choose the same time each day; dogs are creatures of habit. Keep sessions short, around 2-3 minutes. Use lots of verbal encouragement and regular praise throughout. A treat at the end, such as a dental chew, doesn't hurt either! Never allow tooth cleaning to become a battleground. Most dogs come to love the experience; it's a positive interaction between them & you.

1. Smear a little meat-flavoured toothpaste onto your finger, & allow your pet to lick it off. Repeat this several times over a few days, rubbing paste over his gums & teeth. Most dogs come to view the flavoured paste as a treat.



2. Now introduce the toothbrush. It may be helpful to start with a finger brush or cloth as a more gentle alternative. Smear the brush with paste & allow your pet to lick it to get used to the feel of the bristles. Place your hand on your dog's muzzle. Curling his lip between his teeth gently holds his mouth open & can help stop your dog from having a good chew! Only brush the large canine teeth at first. Lift his top lip & use gentle strokes from the gum to the tip of the tooth. Stop if your dog doesn't enjoy (or tolerate!) this feeling. Repeat many times.



3. Once your pet is happy with the new sensations, include the back molar teeth; slowly move along to the teeth behind the canines, using a circular motion. The front incisor teeth are the most sensitive, so only introduce these once your pet is tolerant of all other brushing.



Gradually build up the time you spend brushing his teeth... and do it every day!



Don't forget your cat!

Cats can also have their teeth brushed! To brush their teeth, use the small end of the double sided brush, follow the same steps as above.

You may need a second pair of hands as cats can wriggle out of grip.

Step 1.



Step 2.



Step 3.

