

# Importance of Dental Health with your Pets

Dental disease is the most commonly diagnosed condition in adult dogs and cats. If left untreated it can lead to serious health issues. One of the most powerful weapons you as an owner have against this disease is awareness. Recognizing changes in your pets behavior such as; eating, bad breath, excessive drooling, pawing at the mouth or face, not wanting to play, or even hiding can all be signs that something is going on in your dog or cats mouth. Dental care protects not only your pet's mouth from harmful bacteria but also prevents the bacteria from spreading to the heart, kidneys, and liver.



## Dog Dental Facts

Puppies have 28 temporary teeth, 14 in the upper jaw & 14 in the lower jaw.

Adult dogs have 42 permanent teeth, 20 on the upper jaw & 22 on the bottom. These begin to emerge around 4 months of age.

Owners rarely find baby teeth, because puppies normally swallow them.

A dirty mouth is now considered the #1 cause of heart disease in dogs.

Dental disease can be seen as early as age 3.

## Cat Dental Facts

Kittens have 26 temporary teeth, 14 in the upper jaw & 12 in the lower jaw.

Adult cats have 30 permanent teeth, 16 on the top & 14 on the bottom.

70% of cats show signs of dental disease by age 3.

Cats DO NOT need any teeth to eat. They can even eat dry kibble without them.

A cat's jaw can only move up and down, it's impossible for any of those teeth to grind food.