

## Dental Hygiene Information

Thank you for choosing Casula Veterinary Hospital and Elizabeth Drive Animal Hospital for your pet's dental care. Our aim is to provide you and your pet with the very best standards of care. Please do not hesitate to contact our friendly staff should you have any questions about your pet's dental needs.

Dental tartar can cause a number of problems including gingivitis, infection & systemic problems. We can help prevent these problems by:

### **Cleaning the Teeth Regularly**



It is important to maintain good oral health by using a pet toothpaste (ONLY use animal toothpaste as human toothpastes are potentially toxic for animals), and a soft bristle toothbrush or finger brush. An appointment can be made with one of our qualified nurses to show you the best technique for brushing your pet's teeth.

### **Maxigard Oral Cleansing Gel**



This gel is easy to use and will work well with or without brushing. The gel can be applied to the gums using the applicator tip on the bottle to clean and freshen your pet's breath.

### **Aquadent Drinking Water Additive**



This additive helps to improve bad breath and maintain healthy gums. Aquadent contains xylitol which is a well-recognised active ingredient used in human dental care products. Just by adding this into your pet's drinking water will increase the length of time between dental treatments and scaling.

### **Choose a Dental Diet**



Diets such as Royal Canin Dental Diet are essential in helping to keep teeth clean in between checkups. These biscuits are designed to hold their shape as your pet bites into them, enabling the biscuit to massage the tooth and gums and to help remove plaque and tartar. They also contain a unique enzyme that spreads across the entire mouth and coats the teeth to help prevent the build-up of plaque and tartar. Feel free to discuss with our nurses whether a dental diet may be appropriate for your pet.

### **Greenies**



These dental treats are available for cats and 5 different sizes in dogs to accommodate different skull shapes and bite forces. They are made from highly soluble proteins that enhance flexibility, solubility and digestibility. The new chewy textures are clinically proven to significantly control plaque and tartar build-up. These treats are nutritionally complete and a great tasting dental treat that cats and dogs love.

### **Plaque Off**



This comes in powder that is sprinkled on your pet's food. It is absorbed through the intestinal wall into the blood stream and when it reaches the saliva, it effectively prevents the accumulation of plaque by affecting the ability of plaque to adhere to surfaces of the tooth.

**Please don't hesitate to call or come in and visit one of our nursing staff if you would like any further information on how to care for your pets teeth.**



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