



## DENTAL DISEASE PREVENTION FOR YOUR PETS

*Lack of daily plaque removal at home is the single most important reason our pets are so commonly affected by dental disease.*

Although caring for your pet's teeth at home may seem at first thought a difficult (if not impossible) job, the recent development of many innovative home care dental products has simplified this task tremendously. You will find below a listing of the products we currently recommend. These are divided into categories of "sealants", "dental foods and treats" and "tooth brushing and oral rinse products". Foods and treats are the easiest way to help prevent tartar accumulation, while brushing is the most effective (though labor intensive) method.

We strongly suggest you consider which type of home care will be the most practical for your particular pet and lifestyle. Remember, none of these products will be effective if they sit on the shelf!

### Brushing/Rinse Agents

- Toothbrush/Fingerbrush:** The "gold standard" for plaque removal, specially designed brushes for dog and cat, used with Enzadent antibacterial paste, only outside surfaces of teeth need brushing, takes about 30 seconds per side.
- Enzadent toothpaste:** Non-foaming enzymatic antibacterial paste used with tooth brushing, chicken and malt flavors.
- Enzadent Rinse:** Oral rinse with mint flavor easily given with squeeze bottle and long applicator tube, small amount once daily under lip, safe oral antibacterial chlorhexidene in a formula that binds to the teeth and gum tissue, also contains a surfactant to make teeth slippery preventing adhesion of food and plaque, and chlorophyll to control mouth odors.
- Breathalyser Plus:** Drinking water additive containing proteolytic enzymes and zinc to help to reduce the source of foul smelling breath without brushing. Good for difficult patients in which handling the mouth is not possible.

### Dental Foods and Treats

- Hill's T/D or Royal Canin Dental Diet:** For pets where brushing is impractical, nutritionally balanced dry formula with woven texture scrapes teeth as they chew, well liked by most pets, relatively low calorie, priced comparable to other "premium" diets (i.e. Iams, Pro Plan, etc.)
- Perio Support Powder or Feline Chews:** Enzymatic formula reduces the accumulation of tartar by binding with minerals in the saliva.
- Enzadent Dental chews:** Rawhide chip impregnated with antibacterial enzyme, used as a daily treat, cat version is fish-flavored chewy, can substitute for brushing.