



CANINE DENTAL CARE

DENTAL HYGIENE MAINTENANCE

As with people, pets need good oral hygiene to stay healthy throughout their lives. Dental disease is painful and can damage a pet's internal organs and their chances of sharing 'puppy kisses' with the family!

Ways of keeping teeth clean and gums healthy include:

- **Daily toothbrushing** – the best way to clean dogs' teeth and prevent the buildup of plaque and tartar and the development of gingivitis, is daily brushing with a toothbrush and a pet toothpaste – just like we do with our own teeth. This is a lot easier than you think!
- **Diet** – Hills T/D uses a special fibre alignment in each biscuit to mechanically remove plaque and tartar. It is available in small and large dog bite sizes.
- **Greenies Chews** – now available in Petite, Regular, Large and Jumbo sizes. These green treats (with chlorophyll for colouring) give the dogs a great opportunity to chew and freshen their breath – and they love them!
- **Other Chews** – such as Pigs Ears, Raw Hide chews and chew toys. Dental Kongs have proven to help keep teeth clean with regular play activity.
- **Dental checkups** – regular dental checkups and the intermittent use of a full dental prophylaxis (scale and polish) can greatly reduce the chance of severe periodontal disease.

