

National Pet Dental Care Month

5 reasons why caring for your pet's mouth will lead to a healthier life!

1. Chew toys can actually decrease your pet's anxiety and can also help promote good oral health. The Veterinary Oral Health Council (www.vohc.org) is a great place to find the appropriate types of toys.



2. Daily brushing and oral exams can help to identify early oral tumors and infected teeth.
3. Routine brushing and oral care can decrease pain that is associated with periodontal disease for your pet.
4. The spread of oral bacteria in dogs with periodontal disease can also lead to other health issues involving the heart, lungs, liver,

or kidneys. Preventing periodontal disease with routine brushing and oral care can help to keep your pet healthy!

5. Appropriate oral care helps dogs and cats to chew correctly. Chewing (and mixing with saliva) is the first step in digestion and it is best for animals to chew their food appropriately to avoid choking and to improve absorbing food.

