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Chastain Veterinary Medical Group Pet Health Fact Sheet

Why Should I Brush My Pet's Teeth?

Daily tooth brushing is the gold standard of oral hygiene for both humans and pets. Daily tooth brushing removes dental plaque. Plaque is an irritating, slimy, smelly, accumulation of bacteria on the teeth. Getting rid of it every day will help prevent it from hardening into calculus or tartar. Left unchecked, dental calculus or tartar will further irritate the gums causing infection that will progress to destroy the attachment around your pet's teeth. In addition to pain and lost teeth, infection under the gum line can spread to the liver, kidneys, and heart.

Recently, a new pet oral hygiene product called OraVet has been introduced. OraVet is barrier sealant which prevents bacteria from sticking to the teeth in the first place. Initial studies suggest that applying OraVet to a pet's teeth once a week - after a professional cleaning – may be as effective as every-other-day tooth brushing.

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