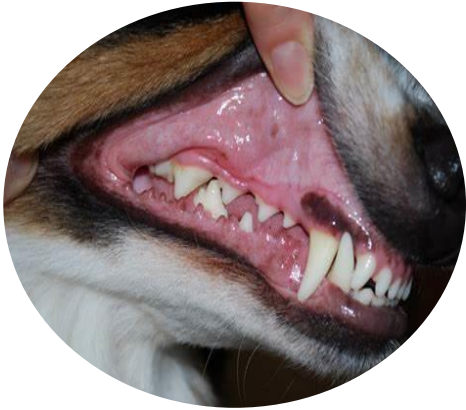


Teeth

Teeth health in dogs and cats is very important, dental diseases can lead to other issues such as kidney and heart disease.

Let us have a look at some healthy teeth vs not health teeth...



Healthy teeth and gums

As you can see the teeth are white with little to no plaque. The gums are pink and smooth, with no inflammation or redness.

Unhealthy teeth and gums

Here the teeth are covered in plaque, with little white tooth showing.

The gums are red and inflamed around the teeth.



Contrary to popular belief/myth, kibble does not help clean dog's teeth!

The starchy carbohydrates cannot be broken down due to a lack of the enzyme amylase (this enzyme is what helps start the breakdown food in the mouth).

Without the enzyme to breakdown the kibble it leaves behind bacteria in the mouth – leading to a build-up of plaque and tartar.

It is especially common to see plaque build-up in elderly dogs as it forms over time.

The bacteria in the tartar can be absorbed into the bloodstream and deposited into the kidneys and liver, causing kidney/liver disease.

Periodontal (gum) disease has been linked to an increased risk of heart disease in both humans and dogs.

Brushing your dog's/cat's teeth is an effective way of preventing plaque build-up, however most dogs/cats don't enjoy having their teeth brushed.

Here are some alternatives that dogs/cats enjoy much more:

- **Fresh Bones** – size specific to your dog.

These can be fed defrosted or frozen (this makes them last longer!)

Can include; knuckle bones, ribs, feet, wings, necks.

- **Hard Dried Treats**

We recommend beef collagen, camel skin, hooves, horns, dried fish skin etc.

By chewing hard bones/treats the plaque is scraped off of the teeth, therefore not allowing a build-up of bacteria to flourish in the mouth.

- **Plaque Patrol (Proflax)**

With all natural ingredients this powder supports oral health, fights plaque, keeps gums healthy and freshens breath!

Ingredients include seaweed, turmeric, thyme and parsley.

Suitable to dogs over 12 weeks, not for pregnant bitches. Easy to administer; powder form into food daily.

- **Fragaria 3C – Dorwest**

This homeopathic remedy is great at softening and removing tartar, as well as preventing buildup of further plaque deposits.

Suitable from 8 weeks, and for pregnant bitches. Easy to administer; liquid form, 3-5 drops in food or by mouth.

All the above-mentioned products are available at Northampton Raw Dog Food.

