



dog teeth

Looking After a Dog's Teeth

Domestic dogs are omnivores. They will eat meat and plants. It is important for a dog to have healthy teeth. There are many ways to help a dog have strong teeth.

Food:

Give the dog some food that is hard, like dog biscuits. This will help to clean the teeth. Dogs enjoy tinned meat but this is soft and does not help to keep teeth clean.



dog biscuits

Treats:

Dogs enjoy a wide range of treats. They like to chew, especially when they are young and teething. For this reason, make sure the dog has lots of chews because they may chew on things they are not supposed to. Here are some examples of treats that are good for the dog's teeth:

- **Denta Treats** - These are especially shaped so that the pointed parts get into the spaces between the dog's teeth as helps to keep the gaps between the teeth clean.
- **Raw-Hide Chews** - Most dogs enjoy these, they come in a wide range of shapes and sizes. They take a long time to chew and keep the dog busy while cleaning their teeth at the same time.
- **Munchy Rolls** - This is another treat that dogs really enjoy. They do not take as long to eat as raw-hide chews but are also good for dog's teeth.



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Brushing Teeth:

Dogs should have their teeth brushed once a week. Use dog toothpaste because human toothpaste froths. Frothing frightens the dog. It is also not good for them if they swallow it.

A special dog toothbrush is used when brushing teeth. It is carefully shaped to get into the gaps between the teeth.



dog toothbrush and toothpaste

Glossary:

- froths - bubbles
- omnivore - animal that eats meat and plants
- teething - when the teeth are starting to come through the gums