



Prevent gingivitis and dental disease by controlling the development of plaque and tartar.

**Develop a plan for dental health
with your veterinarian!**

**Examine your dog's teeth regularly at home.
An annual oral exam by your veterinarian is recommended.**



Look for gingivitis, red inflamed gums. Treatment can prevent further damage.

Tartar on teeth will require a dental cleaning by your veterinarian.

Include daily at-home treatment: the most effective prevention is daily brushing with dog toothpaste. Dental wipes, diets, treats, chews, and water additives are also options.

Choose a product tested and shown to be effective by the Veterinary Oral Health Council (www.VOHC.org).

Avoid [anesthesia-free dentistry](#) or 'handscaling'. This does not clean under the gums, will leave a rough surface that increases plaque and tartar buildup, and is **painful** for the dog.