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Informative Speech

Topic: Pet Dental Care

Every day, we wake up in the morning and brush our teeth! In the fight against bad breath and germs, we apply toothpaste to a toothbrush and brush in a circular motion. So why not do the same for your pet? Most pet owners say that their cat/dog is a member of their family or their baby so why are their dental needs always being neglected or seen as a joke?

~pet’s breath (esp. dog) smells so bad it can’t even be described

~people allow and enjoy that nasty breath in their face giving them “kisses”...WHY??

Brushing your pet’s teeth is just as important as you brushing your own. There are many health risks that can occur when dental for your pet is neglected.

~heart, lung, and kidney disease

~gingivitis and periodontal disease

~ Periodontal disease is an infection of the gums and bone that surround and support the teeth

The most common way to properly take care of your pet’s mouth is to take your cat/dog to the Veterinarian, however, that can be quite expensive. So there is another option: DOING IT YOURSELF! Most pet stores sell a kit care kit the cost anywhere between $8-$12. It includes a finger toothbrush for puppies/kittens and a bigger toothbrush for adult animals. It also includes a tube of Pet toothpaste that is usually the same size as the average Colgate toothpaste tube. It is very important to use the Pet toothpaste and not the toothpaste we use being Pet toothpaste contains special enzymes while the fluoride in Colgate is harmful to animals. It only takes about a minute or 2 and saves you about $500

In the end, you wouldn’t go 10 years without taking your human child to take dentist so why do that to your furry child? If physically brushing your pet’s teeth is THAT much of a big deal for you; try feeding you dog/cat mostly hard foods and using dental treats/sprays that kill harmful bacterias.

Sources:

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