



How to introduce tooth brushing to your pet:

- 🐾 Use a pet toothpaste (poultry seems to be the preferred flavor) and offer your pet some on your finger as a treat
- 🐾 Use lots of praise and love when your pet licks the toothpaste off your finger.
- 🐾 After your pet gets used to the toothpaste as a treat introduce your finger with toothpaste on it into your pet's mouth
- 🐾 Rub your finger along the gum line and around the teeth, **give your pet lots of praise and love!** This will help your pet to get used to having something in their mouth
- 🐾 Try to give them a break after each quadrant (or section of the mouth) to refresh the toothpaste on your finger and for them to lick the toothpaste from their mouth. For example "brush" the upper left side of the mouth, and pause to refresh the toothpaste on your finger before moving to the lower left side.
- 🐾 After your pet gets used to your finger, move on to using the toothbrush (or fingerbrush)
- 🐾 Also, it is important to remember that you do not need to brush the inside of your pet's teeth. As your pet eats, the motion of the tongue actually does the brushing for them.

Brushing your pet's teeth is very beneficial for their health, and it will also help strengthen the bond between you and your pet. Every pet likes to have special time with mom and dad. One way to remind yourself to brush your pet's teeth is to make brushing your pet's teeth part of your regular routine. After a couple of days your pet will be waiting for you to brush their teeth. Please call if you have any questions, 704-588-9788.

Happy Brushing!

