



Edgewood Veterinary Tips by Dr. Kristy McCamy

Oral Health For Cats And Dogs

Most people wouldn't want to go more than one night's sleep without brushing their teeth, never mind six months, a year, or even never. People know that good oral hygiene keeps the teeth and gums healthy and that not taking care of teeth can lead to health problems. The same is true for cats and dogs. Bad cat and dog breath is not a laughing matter. It means that plaque-causing bacteria have accumulated and there is a problem. Dogs and cats suffer the same problems humans do with plaque buildup, including red, swollen, irritated gums and tooth loss. What's worse is that animals can also experience organ damage from the infections that begin in the mouth with poor oral hygiene. It's a fact. Most dog and cat owners never take a good look inside their pet's mouth. That is unfortunate since many, especially older animals, have significant oral disease. We recommend routine check-ups on all of your pets to screen for oral health and, of course, diseases. Questions or concerns can be addressed by coming to **1055 Grass Valley Hwy.**, or calling **530.885.1919**. *Consider joining our family.*

P.S. Anesthesia is used while dentals are performed allowing thorough examination for hidden problems. Antibiotics are also administered prior to cleaning, preventing bacteria from spreading through the blood vessels and to vital organs.



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