

## Dental hygiene in Dogs

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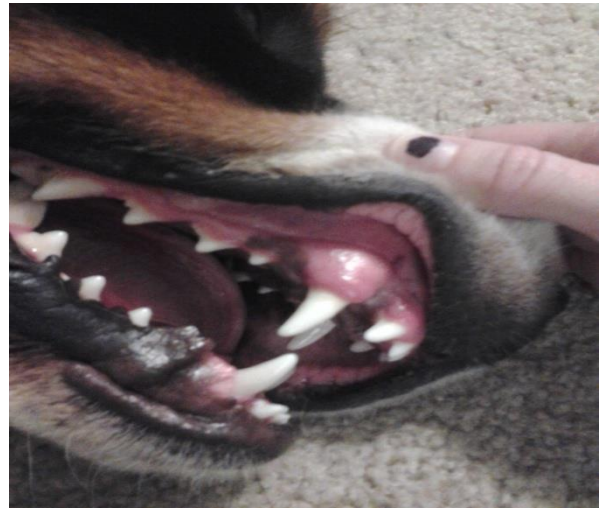
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The most common complaint of pet parents is that their dog is having bad breath.

Though this problem is very much neglected by pet owners but it should be given proper attention because problem of bad breath seems simple but its occurrence is because of many reasons.



### Causes

Dental tartar, dental plaque, gingivitis, discolored teeth or any mass within the mouth, bacterial infection, periodontal disease, kidney disease, liver disease, dehydration, etc can cause bad breath in pets.

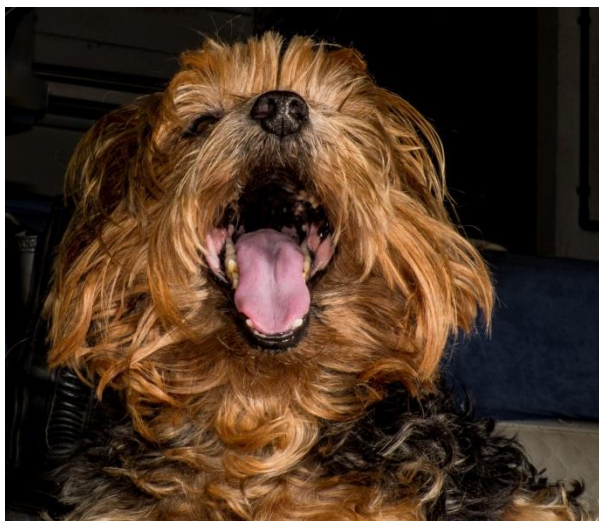
## Preventive measures

Followings are the preventive measures to be taken to maintain dental hygiene of pets.

### 1) Oral Examination at Home

Checking dog for dental tartar, plaque, swollen gums, bleeding gums, discoloured tooth or any mass within mouth cavity

### 2) Brushing of teeth



Almost daily brushing of teeth is very important to prevent bad breath and oral disease in dogs.

### 3) Dental Treats

Dental treats, chew bones and chew toys are helpful to remove plaque from dog's teeth and gingival border which prevents tartar and gingivitis.

### 4) Offer Dry Dog Food

Dry dog food encourages dog to chew their food which leads to prevent dental plaque/ dental tartar formation.

### 5) Dental powder

Adding dental powder to dog's meal will encourage mouth cleaning process which will prevent bad breath in dog.

### 6) Dental Water Additives

Dental water additives in drinking water will help to keep teeth clean and also prevents tartar formation and reduces harmful bacteria, will ultimately freshening dog's breath.



7) **Regular Dental check up**

Regular dental checkup is very necessary for dental health of dog. A veterinarian will examine and check it and if there is any problem, it can be solved at an early age with proper medication or process like, dental scaling.

If any dental problem arises, immediately consult your veterinarian.

