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Did you know?

How many teeth do dogs have? The average adult dog has about a third more teeth than his human counterpart. Adult dogs have 42 permanent teeth compared to a measly 32 average human teeth (not counting any wisdom teeth. Those are "bonus."). Puppies possess 28 baby teeth while human babies will have 20 deciduous or "baby" teeth.

How many teeth do cats have? Cats have 30 adult teeth and 26 baby teeth. That's far fewer than dogs (42 and 28) and less than humans (32 and 20). Those "fangs" or upper canine teeth often protrude saber-tooth tiger style and lend some cats an intimidating smile.

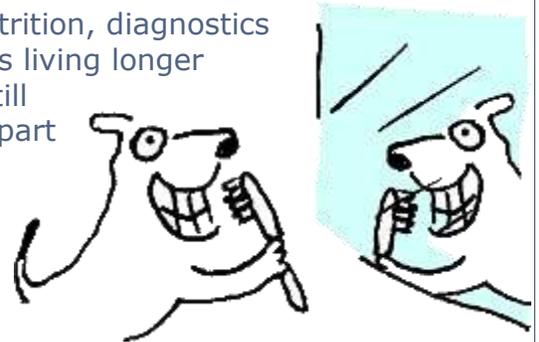
When do dogs begin to lose their baby teeth? Puppies begin losing baby teeth around 12 to 16 weeks of age. By four months of age, almost all of a pup's deciduous teeth have been shed and many of the permanent teeth have already erupted and are in place.

Stinky breath?

February is National Pet Dental Health Month

Why is Dental Care so Important?

Advances in preventative care, nutrition, diagnostics and treatment have led to our pets living longer lives. Unfortunately, oral care is still often overlooked as an important part of a pet's health care regimen. Approximately 85 % of dogs and 75 % of cats over 3 years old have some degree of periodontal disease.



Dental Disease is Progressive

The disease starts with accumulation of plaque. As plaque calcifies, it becomes hard tartar called calculus.

As the plaque and calculus accumulate, the gums (gingiva) become inflamed and infected. The bond between the gums and tooth begins to deteriorate. This loss of attachment is called periodontitis.

These gingival pockets trap food and bacteria becoming deeper with more calculus forming below the gum line. The infection and destruction continues, leading to bone loss around the base of the tooth. As the bone loss increases, the tooth will become mobile and eventually be lost.

This is a long painful process and puts the animal at risk of bacteria moving through the blood stream to the kidneys, heart valves, liver, and other organs.

Dental Disease is Preventable

Signs include:

- Bad breath
- Yellow or brown tartar on teeth
- Sore mouth
- Bleeding Gums
- Pawing or rubbing at mouth
- Difficulty or hesitance while eating
- Drooling
- Loose teeth or loss of teeth.

Studies show that 70 percent of cats show signs of gum disease (gingivitis) by age three. Symptoms include yellow and brown build-up of tartar along the gum line, red inflamed gums, and persistent bad breath.

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Regular dental checkups, professional dental cleanings, and home dental care are essential in preventing debilitating and painful periodontal disease and tooth loss.

What is done during a Dental Procedure?

All dentals include:

- Intravenous catheterization
- General anesthesia
- Anesthetic monitoring by nurse and high quality monitoring equipment
- Intra-operative IV fluids
- Complete oral assessment to chart every tooth to monitor changes of abnormalities
- Hand scaling followed by ultrasonic scaling
- Polishing and/or fluoride treatment

Something to smile about!

Earn **DOUBLE LOYALTY STAMPS** for all Dental Wellness (including cleaning, radiographs, and any oral surgery) done in February!

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