

# DENTAL REPORT CARD

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Patient: \_\_\_\_\_

Doctor: \_\_\_\_\_ Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Treatment plan: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_



## How well is your pet doing today?<sup>1</sup>

### Let's look at the stages of periodontal disease.

*(Clinic staff to fill in the circle appropriate for your pet.)*

#### ☐ STAGE 0

The gum margin is flat and pink and creates a scalloped edge against the teeth.

#### ☐ STAGE 1

The gum (or gingiva) at the top of teeth is inflamed and swollen, and plaque covers the teeth. Professional cleaning and home care can reverse this condition.

#### ☐ STAGE 2

The tooth starts losing support from bone loss. Bad breath is usually noticeable. Professional treatment and home dental care can prevent this from worsening.

#### ☐ STAGE 3

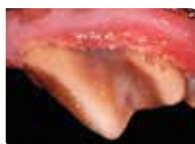
Tooth support worsens through further bone loss. The pet's mouth is painful, and bad breath is noticeable. Professional examination and X-rays are needed. Advanced treatment is likely with extractions or bone grafts needed.

#### ☐ STAGE 4

Tooth support loss has advanced, and tooth extraction is required.

Canine

Feline



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## Here's why pet home dental care is so important.

*After a professional dental cleaning, it's important to keep your pet's teeth clean. Daily tooth brushing is the best approach. A daily dental chew can help keep teeth clean while reducing plaque and tartar buildup.*

### BEFORE DENTAL

**CLEANING**, plaque and tartar can be seen on the teeth. If left untreated, infection can lead to bad breath, bone loss, and the need for dental intervention. Examination, X-rays, and professional cleaning are needed.



### A PROFESSIONAL

**DENTAL CLEANING** by a veterinarian removes plaque and tartar on the teeth and below the gumline and prepares the teeth for home dental care.



### THREE WEEKS AFTER DENTAL CLEANING WITHOUT HOME DENTAL CARE,

plaque can already be seen forming on teeth when a solution is applied. In fact, plaque will attach to clean teeth within 24 hours.<sup>2</sup>



### SEVEN WEEKS AFTER DENTAL CLEANING WITHOUT HOME DENTAL CARE,

heavy plaque and tartar have formed on the teeth (stained pink from solution applied).



**TAKING GOOD CARE  
OF YOUR PET'S TEETH CAN BE  
EASY AND REWARDING.**

*Ask your veterinarian  
for advice on how you can protect  
your pet's dental health.*



**CLEAN. EVERY. TOOTH**



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