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BRUSHING TIPS



- Establish a routine for your pet. Dogs and cats respond better and are more comfortable with an established pattern.
- Brush the teeth in the same location and the same time of the day.
- The first few days are spent getting your pet familiar with the touch of your fingers and hands around their muzzle area. Stroke your pet's mouth area for a few minutes every day. Be sure to talk to your pet while doing this.
- Next step is to actually run your fingers along the gums and teeth. Do this for 1 to 2 minutes every day for 3 to 4 days.
- Now put some dog/cat toothpaste on your finger and rub along the front teeth then work your way to the back. Insert your finger into the cheek pocket. Your pet can keep their mouth closed. Do this every day for 3 to 4 days; about 30 to 60 seconds a day.
- Next step is to try the toothbrush or finger brush. Brushing the same way as with your finger-circular motion, starting with the front teeth and then working your way to the back. Every day for 30 to 60 seconds.
- Last step is to reward your pet with praise and a treat such as the Cet Chews or T/d biscuit.

KEY POINTS TO REMEMBER

- same place everyday.
- same time everyday
- no longer than 30 to 60 seconds per session
- talk to your pet while brushing
- give your pet a reward after
- most important **BRUSH EVERYDAY!**

