Like your teeth, a dog’s teeth need daily care to remain healthy and strong. One way to prevent your dog from getting tooth decay or oral disease is to brush his teeth daily with a toothpaste and toothbrush designed especially for dogs. Also feed him specially formulated foods proven to reduce plaque and tartar buildup.

Many dogs as young as age 3 may already show some form of oral disease. If left untreated, bacteria from the teeth and gums can cause serious health problems. Visit your veterinarian regularly, especially if you see signs of possible oral disease, such as bad breath, yellow-brown crust around the gum line, pawing at the mouth, change of chewing or eating habits, subdued behavior, excessive dribbling, bleeding gums, pain when eating or tooth loss.

**PREVENTION IS THE BEST MEDICINE!**

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