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This is an app you can download for free. Turns text into voice and voice into text on your droid cell phone. Just what you techies have been looking for. Some couples use it to communicate in the home when one partner takes out their hearing aids. How cool is that!!

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At the beginning of the shift, the doctor placed a stethoscope on an elderly and slightly deaf female patient's anterior chest wall. 'Big breaths,' . . . he instructed. 'Yes, they used to be,' . . . replied the patient.

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DOG TRAINING EQUIPMENT: Seven pieces of K9 training equipment used for a photo shoot, then sat on shelf in office for a couple of years. This is top grade equipment, without one scratch on it. Bite suit.

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Dog Training Tips

by

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Teeth Brushing

Train your dog to tolerate brushing teeth. Start early so your dog will not fight you because he doesn't understand what you are doing. Make little circling motions and concentrate on the outside of the teeth. Half a minute is all it should take. This will help get rid of plaque and prevent later decay.

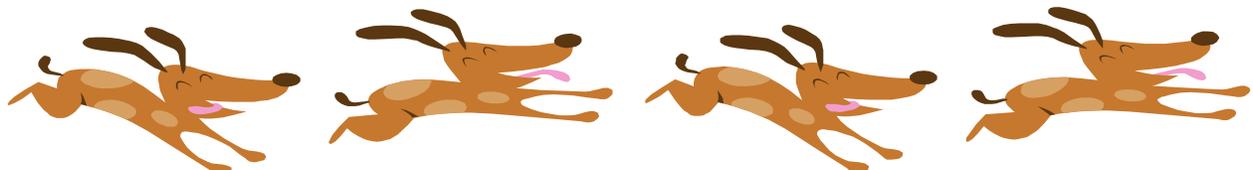
This does not take the place of professional cleanings which are necessary to avoid discomfort, bad breath and big dental bills (just like us.)

Pet stores often carry different flavored tooth-pastes (most dogs do NOT like mint) Baking soda works well.

Large dogs require anesthesia at the vets so be sure to have a wellness plan in place. It can be very costly.

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Doggies Dental Health is no Laughing Matter

By Val DeSantis

Ever see the TV commercial for pet treats that features dogs showing off their dentures? It's a funny ad, but your dog's dental health is no laughing matter. It can severely affect his or her longevity, as well as your wallet.

To keep your pet in tip top dental shape, brushing along with regular checkups is key. Kinda sound familiar, doesn't it?

Both of my dogs get their teeth brushed at least three times a week. There are many kits on the market that make it easier for the average person. They usually come with a brush, toothpaste (for dogs) and a finger brush. Always start with the finger brush to get them used to you being in their mouths.

But brushing only removes soft plaque and doesn't go below the gum line. How can you tell whether your dog needs a professional dental procedure?

If you start to see discoloring, notice a bad odor, a red line along the gums or bleeding gums, then your dog is probably a good candidate for a professional cleaning, which requires anesthesia. The procedure is safer than ever before, and, if performed correctly, can even be used on older dogs.

Your veterinarian can help you determine how often professional cleanings are needed, based on the breed and your pet's dental history.

Beware of a new process called dental scaling that claims you can give them a professional-grade cleaning at home. Many dogs are fairly tolerant of brushing. But when you put a sharp instrument in there and start scraping and probing? That patient demeanor isn't going to last. In addition, there is no way to get behind the teeth and into the gums.

Also be sure the chew toys you give your dog are not too hard. Rope toys and softer bone-type toys are best. My German Shepherd, Heidi, bites so hard, and with such enthusiasm, that she chipped the tops off her canine teeth. One exposed the root, which became infected. A root canal and 1600\$ later, Heidi is fine.

Keeping your pet's teeth clean will lead to a happier and longer life for your dog. After all, you never know when he or she may get discovered for a movie role and have to flash those pearly whites.

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