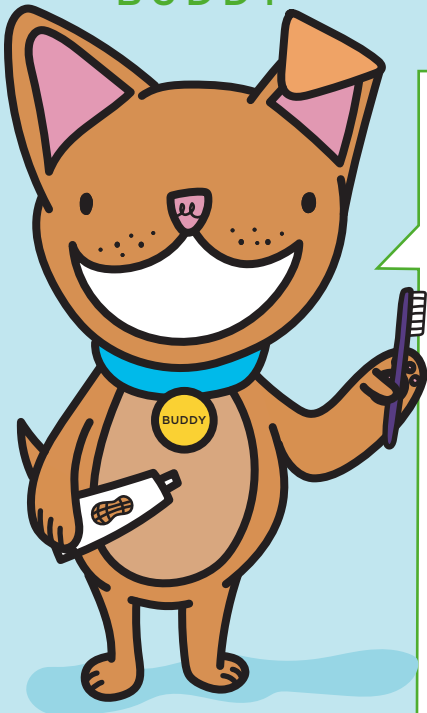


YOUR PET PROJECT:

# taking great care of animals' teeth

Here's a great way to be a good friend to pets: Help them keep their teeth healthy. Pet owners should always talk to their veterinarians (vets for short) about the best way to care for their furry (and non-furry) best friends. Here's what Buddy, Flossie and their pals want you to know about their smiles!

## BUDDY



My teeth get brushed regularly. But only with dog toothpaste, because human toothpaste isn't good for me. I have dog treats and chews that help clean my teeth, too. Just like you can clean your teeth by eating crunchy apples and carrots. And I can get my teeth cleaned by the vet, just like you get yours cleaned at the dentist's office.

## BUNNINGTON



I don't have to brush my teeth. They keep growing fast and I wear them back down by chewing hay, grass, twigs and leafy vegetables. A grown-up checks my teeth regularly to make sure they are straight, white and not too long or sharp. If anything looks wrong, it's time for me to visit the vet.

Guess what? I don't have any teeth! But I do have to keep my mouth healthy. I can get sick with something called "mouth rot." That's why I eat fruits, vegetables and meat, and drink fresh water. It keeps me moving. Slowly. LOL!

## TIPTOE



My front teeth never stop growing! If they get too long, it could make it hard for me to eat. And I love to eat! That's why I need soft, wooden chew toys. They keep my teeth from getting too long. Pretty cool, huh? I need healthy food, just like you. Fresh fruits and veggies, pellet food and water are my favorites.

## HAMMY

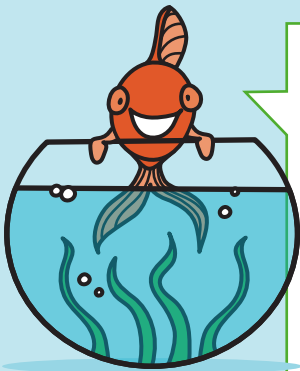


**FLOSSIE**

My teeth get brushed, too, with a special brush and toothpaste. No human toothpaste for me, please! I love the fishy flavor of cat toothpaste! Just like Buddy, I eat treats that help clean my teeth. The vet also checks my teeth and lets me know if I need a cleaning. I love being clean!

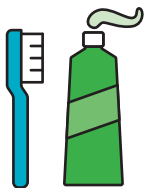


**GOLDIE**



Believe it or not, I have teeth in the back of my throat. They grind up food so I can swallow it. And when I lose a tooth, I just grow a new one! You couldn't brush my teeth if you tried. Keep my tank clean and feed me healthy fish food so things will go swimmingly.

Don't forget to be a good friend to your own smile!



Brush twice a day with fluoride toothpaste for two minutes each time.



Make sure you brush those teeth way in the back, too.



Listen to a song while you brush to make sure you've brushed long enough.



Floss between your teeth every day.



See your dentist regularly for a checkup and cleaning.



Wear a mouth guard for sports and activities.



Choose healthy foods and drinks.