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HOW TO PREVENT DENTAL DISEASE

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- If you cant brush your pet's teeth, consider special dental diets and treats to decrease plaque and tartar.
- Puppies and kittens benefit from a thorough oral exam to check for normal tooth eruption and normal bite.
- Use only toothpaste and toothbrushes made for dogs and cats.
- When introducing toothbrushing to your pet, take it slow and make it a positive experience for him.

SYMPTOMS OF DENTAL PROBLEMS

- Decreased appetite and chewing tendencies
- Foul smelling breath
- Bleeding gums
- Yellow or brown stains on teeth
- Loose teeth or teeth loss

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