**What Does Dental Disease Look Like?**

* Bad breath
* Tartar buildup on teeth
* Redness at the gum line
* Broken/loose or discolored teeth
* Drooling
* Bleeding gums
* Trouble eating or loss of appetite

**Things to do at Home:**

**Brushing with toothpaste:**

* Pet-specific toothpaste (from vet office or pet store)
* Traditional toothbrush or finger brush

**Dental Care Treats:** 

* Greenies
* Milkbone
* Dentastix
* Look for treats with the VOHC logo: these have been tested by the Academy of Veterinary Dentistry

**Dental Diet:**

* Prescription food available through vets
* Over-the-counter foods with the VOHC seal
* Help with tartar buildup

**Professional Dental Work:**

* Needed to prevent and reverse periodontal disease -- frequency is different for each animal
* Done at a vet office under general anesthesia
* A thorough dental exam can easily be done while animal is anesthetized, including X-rays
* All teeth are scaled above and below the gumline with an ultrasonic scaler, then polished

**Extractions:**

* If a tooth is diseased enough, it will need to be extracted
* Extractions can occur during a dental cleaning
* Gum is sutured after extraction
* Animals with extractions may need antibiotics afterward

**Referrals for Dental Cleaning/Extractions** (continued on back page)**:**

* City Cat Vets (cats only): Ranges from $600-$1000
	+ 2210 South Street, Philadelphia PA 19146
	+ 215-545-2287
* Glenolden Animal Hospital: $64 for dental evaluation
	+ 405 S MacDade Blvd, Glenolden PA 19036
	+ 610-237-6120
* Philadelphia Animal Hospital: $398, including bloodwork
	+ 7401 Holstein Avenue, Philadelphia PA 19153
	+ 215-724-5550
* Dutton Road Veterinary Clinic: $40 for dental evaluation
	+ 10901 Dutton Road, Philadelphia PA 19154
	+ 215-331-2968
* Providence Animal Center (does not do dental x-rays)
	+ 555 Sandy Bank Road, Media PA 19063
	+ 610-566-1370