

# The Journey of a Tooth: From Puppy to Senior

Throughout a dog's life, their teeth go through various stages, each with its own care needs. Understanding this journey is essential to ensure your pet has a healthy mouth throughout its life. Discover the dental milestones and best practices to keep your dog's smile always healthy and shining!

## 1. Puppy Teething: Birth to 7 Months

- Puppies are born without teeth.
- By 3-4 weeks, their baby teeth (deciduous teeth) start to come in.
- By 7 months, they usually have all their baby teeth.
- Common challenges: Chewing on everything, inflamed gums.
- Care tips: Provide teething toys, start introducing gentle brushing



## 2. Transition to Adult Teeth: 4 to 7 Months

- Puppy teeth start to fall out around 4 months to make way for adult teeth.
- By 7 months, most dogs have their full set of 42 adult teeth.
- Common challenges: Teeth overcrowding, retained baby teeth.
- Care tips: Regular vet check-ups to ensure teeth are coming in properly, continue gentle brushing.



## 3. Adult Teeth Maintenance: 1 to 7 years

- This stage is crucial for establishing and maintaining dental hygiene routines.
- Regular brushing prevents tartar buildup and gum disease.
- Common challenges: Plaque buildup, early signs of dental diseases.
- Care tips: Daily brushing, dental chews, and yearly professional cleanings.



## 4. Senior Dental Care: 8 Years and Older

- Senior dogs are more prone to dental issues, including tooth decay, loss, and gum disease.
- Dry mouth and decreased saliva production can be common, leading to faster plaque buildup.
- Common challenges: Tooth sensitivity, difficulty eating.
- Care tips: Softer bristle brushes, special dental diets, more frequent dental check-ups.

