

**Does Your Pet Have Bad Breath?** This may be a sign of a serious condition. **Ask us how a simple check could save your pet...and put your mind at ease.**

Just as in humans, periodontal disease (caused by bacterial infections of the gums) can negatively affect other organ systems. *In fact, regular dental exams are more important for pets since they can't brush their own teeth.*

Periodontal disease affects multiple organs:

- Bacteria enter the bloodstream through inflamed gums.
- Bacteria can affect the kidneys, heart and liver causing organ damage
- Infection in the gums leads to bone loss and subsequent tooth loss
- *Periodontal disease and gingivitis are the main causes for that unpleasant pet breath*



**Regular dental examinations are an important part of keeping your pet healthy.** If a dental cleaning is warranted, here are the steps involved:

- *CBC* (complete red and white blood cell count) to check for infection and anemia
- *PAP* (pre anesthetic chemistry panel) monitors kidney, liver, and electrolytes to assess organ health prior to anesthesia
- Once anesthetized, a thorough oral cancer screen is performed
- Ultrasonic scaling and polishing of all tooth surfaces *just as we receive at the dentist's office*
- Nail trim, ear cleaning and anal gland expression if needed (at no additional charge)

Once the cleaning is completed, it is important to follow up with simple, at home maintenance. This keeps the teeth as clean as possible, as well as limiting the number of times your pet has to undergo a full cleaning from your veterinarian. *Our staff will be happy to show you how to brush your pet's teeth!* Also, you can see a demonstration on our website [www.beachparkanimalclinic.com](http://www.beachparkanimalclinic.com)

**By taking care of your pet's teeth, you will be making a positive impact on your pet's life as well as improving his breath! Make sure to ask about our DENTAL COMPLIANCE AWARD.**