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AIN'T IT THE TOOTH

**Keep them smiling**

*Veterinary Nurse Katie Lyons*

**P**eriodontal disease is the most common disease of dogs and cats, and by the age of two, 80% of dogs and 70% of cats are already suffering from it.

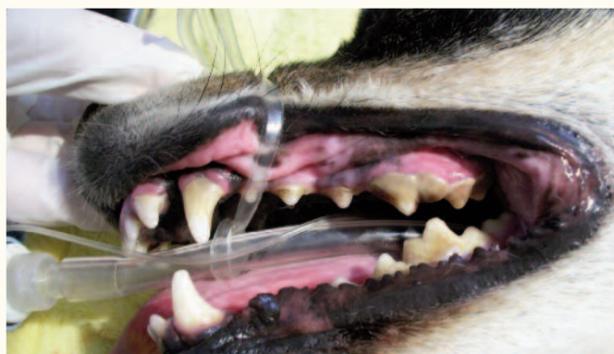
When left untreated, dental disease results in long-term medical problems. Bacteria from the teeth and resulting gum disease track into the blood stream, which leads to damage of internal tissues and organs. Dental disease has been linked to liver, kidney and heart disease, so essentially your pet's bad breath is actually contributing to a premature death.

Signs of periodontal disease in dogs and cats include bad breath, pawing at the mouth, red or bleeding gums, tooth loss, excessive saliva, not eating, chewing on one side, becoming fussy or bolting down food and/or yellow-brown tartar on the teeth around the gum line. Just like humans, it is recommended that dogs, cats and rabbits all have regular dental health checks.

Signs of periodontal disease in horses include swelling of the face or jaw, excess saliva, bleeding from the mouth and loss of physical condition. Horses may be observed dropping feed out of their mouth while eating, washing their feed in water, or holding the head to one side when eating.

Dental disease can also cause behavioural problems when being ridden, including head tossing or pulling to one side, increased resistance to the bridle/bit, rearing and/or being generally unsettled or unwilling to perform correctly or consistently. Horses should undergo regular dental checks by a qualified equine veterinary dentist. This is especially important in young horses, as retained teeth can cause long term problems with the development of dental conformation, which needs to be avoided if the horse is to be ridden with a bit throughout its life.

Free dental checks for dogs, cats and rabbits are available at Braidwood Veterinary Surgery on Fridays. To schedule your appointment, please phone 02 4842 2697.



**BEFORE AND AFTER**



**'Rovers at Majors Creek**

*Peter Mercer from the Land Rover Club of Canberra explains how they came to be there ...*

**L**ast Easter, there was a huge gathering in Canberra of about 2,000 Land Rovers from all over Australia. I've been a member of the Land Rover Club in Canberra for about 25 years and I've always enjoyed organising outings.

I have a connection to Majors Creek, being a weekend resident, so I put on a four-day weekend. I've got about 40 people and their vehicles camping here at the Rec ground.

Friday was arrival day and on Saturday we went off to Bendethera for a very nice drive. And I thought, "What can I do on the Sunday? So I put it out that it was a show and shine. I contacted local car clubs, and the local community and it seems like it's been quite a success.

Antony Davies was there too

**I** had a Land Rover when I was about 14. It was my second car and it was a Series 2-A. My father bought it so that I could learn to drive properly and embark on having a licence at some point.

My father had it repainted, which was very kind of him. I was really proud of that car — it had sheepskin covers on the front seats and a very wonky universal joint.

I went to college in Goulburn for a while, and I had to drive it from Moss Vale to Goulburn each week, and usually around Marulan, the universal joint would give out, and someone would have to come out and rescue me.

I loved the car. It was a wonderful old thing, but it broke down so many times that my father, who used to buy and sell cars, one day just switched it for a Holden Gemini. I was horrified and I absolutely hated it.

I was overjoyed when it caught fire. We'd fitted a radio to it, and happily, it set fire to the car, and so I didn't have to have it anymore.

I've loved cars since I was very, very, very small — we always had old cars around about. I had my first Matchbox car when I was one, it was a Rolls Royce Londoner. It was missing its front wheels because my brother broke them off when I was about three.

I once owned a Series II-A that came

from just over here, at the back of Majors Creek. It had been bought new in 1961, bogged in 1972 in a heavy wet year, and left in the pond where it was. It was sunk right up to the door handles and the owner then just bought another car.

I got it out with an excavator. I paid \$50 for it because it was considered beyond any functional use. It took me about six months to clean it right the way through. There was no corrosion in it, which was astonishing, because it had been entombed in dry mud.

I used that Landrover for another ten years or so. Then I switched that for this, a Series I, a transitional 86-inch model from 1955.



ANTONY IN HIS TRUSTY LAND ROVER AND IAN BENSLEY'S SLINKY JAGUAR XK120.

