

# Inexpensive and fun craves for your pet

**W**ith a toothbrush in one hand, and your pet's mouth in the other, doing the daily, weekly or (gasp) annual tooth cleaning wrestling-match doesn't have to be quite so hard for you or your four-legged friend. There are new flavors of tooth-pastes and easy-does-it techniques (ask Ultimate Pet) to make both you – and your dog or cat – happy to have a canine or feline mouth that's clean and odor free.

February is Pet Dental Month, schedule a check-up with your local veterinarian to see how Fido is doing (dogs and cats both can have teeth issues). Then brush their teeth regularly and use a daily Greenie – these dental chews reduce plaque and tartar, the leading causes of gingivitis and periodontal disease.

For a handy way for your dog to travel to the vet's office, or around the neighborhood, try the Rope-n-Go. It is a harness/leash that slips around the chest of the dog – no more pulling at the neck which can cause pet injuries. The Rope-n-Go is a quick process: slide it under the front legs, over the head and you're out the door.

Pet owners who travel with their dogs know that new environments can be quite stressful for some dogs – they find it hard to relax. Try this portable dog bed that's made to go with you – let your pet use it at home and then he/she will be comfortable in it on the road.

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