



5 Tips

For Brushing Your Dog's Teeth

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Get them used to touch.

Gently massage their chin and mouth area regularly prior to introducing the toothbrush. Offer lots of praise before, during and after.

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Start with your finger.

Use a tiny bit of toothpaste on your finger first. Let them lick some off your finger to get used to the taste. Attempt a slow pass at their teeth and gums as allowed. (Praise excessively.) Once they are ok with this, attempt a finger brush or toothbrush.

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Speaking of toothpaste...

Do not use human toothpaste on your dog. Only use a dog-friendly version. There are many types of flavors available.

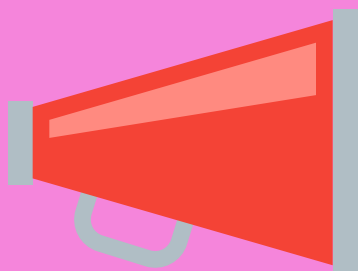
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Assume the position.

Find a position that is comfortable and non-threatening for your dog. This might be on your lap (for smaller dogs) or kneeling behind them while they are on the ground.

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Did we mention praise?

Offer continuous praise (we're talking dogs, here) and provide treats as needed through the process. Start short and increase session length as your dog gets more comfortable.