

Critter Quiz 2

Small Animal Dental Health

- Small pets do not have the same number of teeth as humans.
- The dental anatomy of all small pets is tailored, in part, to maximize their diets.
- A carnivore eats meat, an herbivore eats plants, and an omnivore eats both.
- Rabbits constantly chew to keep their teeth properly aligned.
- Small pets, similar to humans, use their teeth for purposes other than obtaining and eating food.
- A rabbit is not a rodent; therefore, their teeth are different than rats, mice, and hamsters.
- Cheek teeth are the large, grinding teeth in the back of some small pets' mouths.
- Rabbits have two sets of incisors in their mouths; rodents have only one.
- Learning to care for your small pet's teeth is very important.
- The teeth of rabbits and herbivorous rodents continually grow throughout life.
- The incisors are the one set of front teeth in a rodent.
- Herbivores solely eat plants for their dietary needs.
- Improperly aligned teeth are known as malocclusion.
- The cheek teeth are the large, grinding teeth in the back of a rabbit's mouth.
- A veterinarian may be able to trim your small pet's teeth, if they become too long.
- Providing a high fiber diet, rich in natural foods, is the best way to care for you small pet's teeth.
- Excessive salivation is sometimes called the slobbers.
- The peg teeth are the second, smaller set, of incisors in a rabbit's mouth.
- An impaction occurs if something gets wedged in your small pet's teeth.
- If rabbits' or rodents' teeth are not continually worn, the teeth could experience overgrowth.

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Decide if these statements are true or false, mark with a T or F.

1. Small pets, similar to humans, use their teeth strictly for obtaining and eating food. _____
2. The dental anatomy of all small pets is tailored, in part, to maximize their diets. _____
3. Just like humans, all small pets have the same number of teeth. _____
4. An herbivore eats meat, an omnivore eats plants, and a carnivore eats both. _____
5. Rabbits are constantly chewing because they are bored. _____
6. Cheek teeth are the large, grinding teeth in the back of some small pets' mouths. _____
7. A rabbit is a rodent; therefore, their teeth are identical to those of rats, mice, and hamsters. _____
8. The teeth of rabbits and herbivorous rodents continually grow throughout life. _____
9. Rabbits have two sets of incisors in their mouths; rodents have only one. _____
10. You do not need to take care of your pet's teeth. _____

Fill in the blanks with using the provided words (answers) below.

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| A. Malocclusion | F. "Slobbers" |
| B. Overgrowth | G. High Fiber Diet |
| C. Herbivore | H. Trim |
| D. Incisors | I. Cheek Teeth |
| E. Impaction | J. Peg Teeth |

1. In a rabbit's mouth, the _____ are the second, smaller set of incisors.
2. An _____ solely eats plants for dietary needs.
3. If rabbits' or rodents' teeth are not continually worn, the teeth could experience _____.
4. Improperly aligned teeth are known as _____.
5. The best way to care for your small pet's teeth is to offer a _____, rich in natural foods.
6. Excessive salivation is sometimes called _____.
7. The _____ are the large, grinding teeth in the back of a rabbit's mouth.
8. If something becomes tightly wedged in your small pet's teeth, it is called an _____.
9. A veterinarian may be able to _____ your small pet's teeth, if they become too long.
10. The one set of front teeth in a rodent are called _____.