

Summary

Aims: The aim of this work is to find out how people take care of their teeth, what aids they use, how much they spend for them and how they approach the care of the oral cavity of their dogs.

Introduction: Human and veterinary dentistry are very similar. Human teeth, like a dog's teeth, need proper care. Although the offer of dental services and aids has been increasing recently, they are not used properly and the dog owners do not have enough information about oral health and the necessary care.

Methodology and set: I compiled a questionnaire for dog owners and inserted into the app Google form. It was divided into two parts. The first part was focused on the care of the dog's oral cavity, the second on the care of the owner's oral cavity. The questionnaire was distributed via the social network Facebook and inserted into groups that deal with dogs. 764 responses were recorded. Individual questions with answers were processed in Excel into tables and graphs.

Results: Attendance at dental surgeries is relatively low among owners. Only 13 % of owners and 18 % of dogs regularly undergo preventive examinations and dental hygiene. As for home dental care, which falls into the hands of the owners themselves, there are also major shortcomings in this area. Only 44 % of owners follow the recommendations regarding home dental hygiene, only 4 % of owners take proper care of a dog's teeth. Nevertheless, the dog owners pay more per month for dental aids for the dog than for themselves.

Conclusion: A large part of the human and dog population suffers from periodontal disease or tooth decay. These diseases can be prevented by proper dental hygiene, and a large part of it falls into the hands of the owners themselves. They must be properly educated by a dentist or dental hygienist, in the case of a dog by a veterinarian. As the attendance of these experts is relatively low, the education and awareness of the owners in this area is insufficient.

Key words: dental exams, dental hygiene, human, dog, tooth decay, tooth injury, tartar, periodontitis.