

# February

## “Nutrition Tip of the Month”

February is National Pet Dental Health Month

**Raw Food and Raw Bones used as treats are a natural, healthy and fun way to keep your pet’s teeth healthy.**

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### **Proper Use of Bones with Dogs:**

- **The bone MUST be as large as possible, so they cannot rapidly chew through it.**
- **Do not give a bone to a very aggressive chewer.**
- **Do NOT ever cook the bones.** Always feed them raw. Raw bones are strong. Cooked bones are brittle and can splinter and harm your pet.
- **Do NOT give a bone to a dog when children or other pets are present.** Or place them in their crate with their bone so they can chew undisturbed.
- **Always keep an eye on the dog while chewing.** When the bone gets small enough that the pet could accidentally swallow the remaining piece whole, ask the pet to “leave it” and then discard the bone.
- **Do NOT ever try to take a bone out of their mouth.** Ask them to “leave it” and then remove pet from room before picking up bone.
- **Discard or re-freeze remaining portion of bone.** Do not leave bones laying about for later use.