
THE SOAPBOX MANUAL

Essentials for keeping your piggie(s) squeaky clean



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How to Clean Your Piggie's Teeth

4 STEPS TO HAVING PEARLY PIG CHOMPERS

Please check your pigs mouth, teeth and gums. regularly. Make it a habit of putting your fingers in their mouth when they're young so that its not a big production when they're bigger and older to look inside their mouth or inspect their throat and/or teeth.

*****Do NOT use human toothpaste, fluoride is a known toxin to many animals including pigs.*****

1) At first, simply put a toothbrush or finger brush with toothpaste on it into your pig's mouth for 5 seconds at a time. You can slowly increase this amount of time to 2-minute increments, once they become comfortable having a toothbrush and toothpaste in their mouth. NOT recommended doing this to an unfamiliar pig or one with behavioral issues.

2) Use your finger or a toothbrush to slowly brush one tooth at a time, focusing on the gum line. The junction of the tooth and gum is one of the most important areas to reach.

3) Retract your pig's lips to create a smile and get to work on the back molars. Spend about 1 minute on the upper row of teeth and another minute on the lower row of teeth. If your pig simply won't tolerate having their teeth brushed for this long, focus primarily on the upper and outer molars.

4) Lastly, make it fun! Use treats or toys to reward your pig. Remember: Always use toothpaste that is specifically recommended for use on animals.

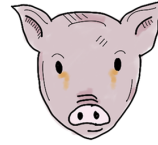
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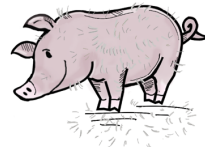


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*Most potbellies will have runny eyes that produce sticky, brownish tears. A little of this is normal. You can wipe away the goo with a warm damp cloth. You may even find their blankets, sheets, or whatever you give them to sleep in with wet spots from their eyes.



*Pigs typically "blow their coats" in the spring/summer time. Some will go completely bald while others simply thin out their hair. You know your pig is blowing its coat because when you go to pet them you will see lots of hair falling to the ground, sometimes by the handfuls.



*A common used trick to keep your piggie(s) occupied in the tub is to smear a thin coat of Almond or Peanut Butter on the inside of the tub, or sprinkle a few cheerios in the water. Just make sure your piggie(s) don't drink the soapy water, it can make them sick.



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