

## Taking Dental Photographs

Some of our puppies have malocclusions which are noted at their 5 week physicals. If this is the case, we may request dental photos when your pup is 6 months of age. Also, if you notice any problems such as broken teeth, malformed or discolored teeth, or any other problems, take photos and send to your area coordinator.

Taking dental photos can be challenging but here are some steps to take in order to obtain good quality dental photos:

- You will need at least 2-3 people – one to hold the puppy, one to hold the lips back, and one to take the photos
- The standard views that are helpful to the veterinarians are from the right, left and front (see examples below)
- If using a cell phone, don't forget to make sure the images are in focus before taking the photo
- Hint: Avoid taking dental photos when a dog is very hot and excited. They will be panting so hard that the tongue will get in the way.

Taking good dental photos:



Examples of dental photos:

