

# Importance of Periodontal Disease in Dogs: Systemic Consequences and Prevention Strategies

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References



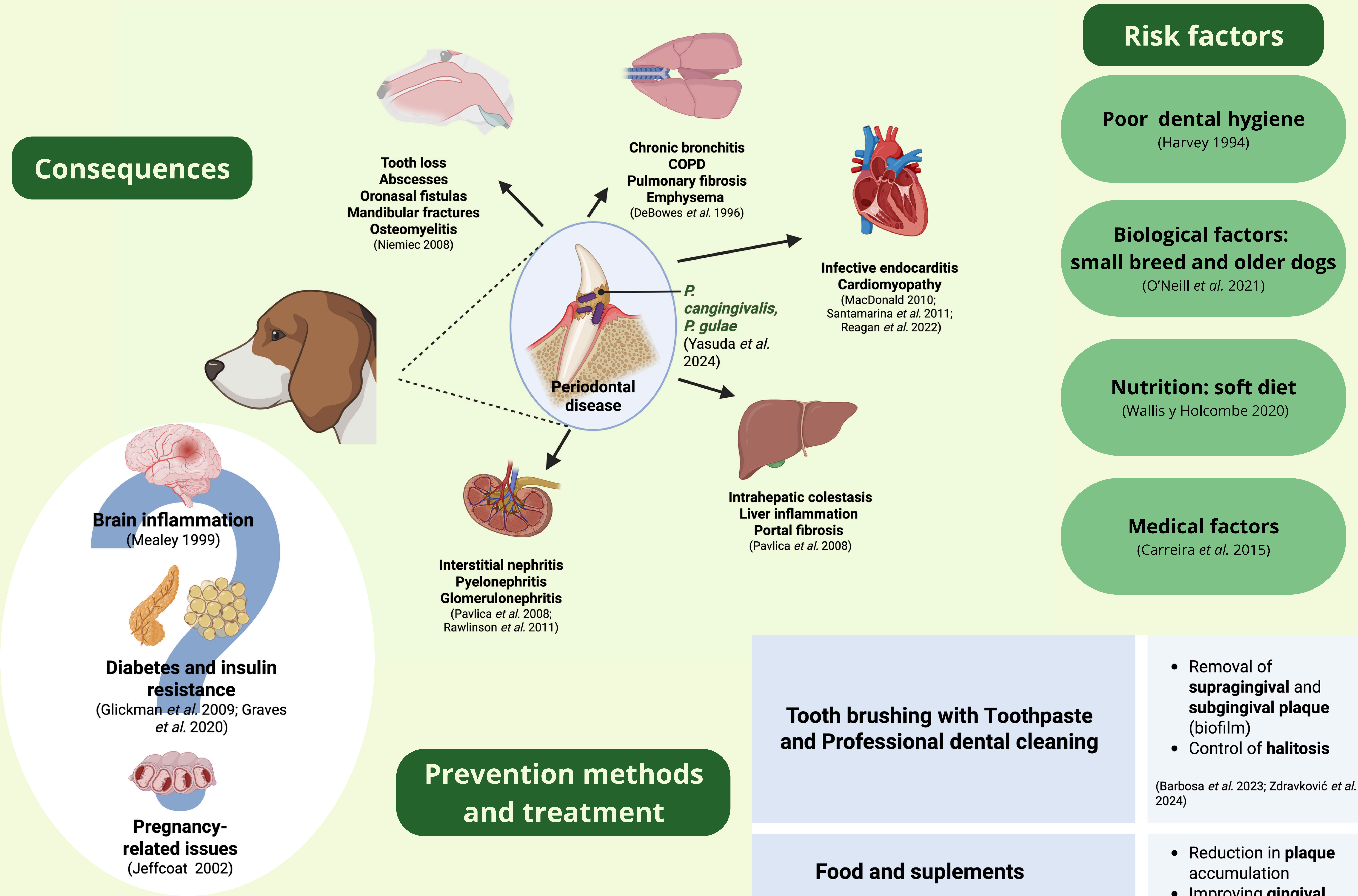
## Introduction

Veterinary dentistry has advanced significantly in small animal practice, but yet, not enough. Oral health remains underestimated and frequently underdiagnosed until the disease reaches severe consequences. Periodontal disease affects over 80% of dogs. This work through a scientific literature review, aims to help understand its impact and promote effective prevention, essential for improving animal welfare and clinical outcomes.

## Objectives

- General objective:
  - Analyse and highlight its prevalence and clinical relevance in veterinary medicine
- Specific objectives:
  - Which are the key risk factors?
  - Which systemic consequences and organs are linked to it?
  - Which prevention methods are most effective?

## Results



## Conclusions

Periodontal disease is highly prevalent in dogs and can cause serious local and systemic effects. Risk factors include poor oral hygiene, age, small breed, and soft diets. Daily **tooth brushing remains the most effective** prevention strategy. This research highlights the importance of **integrating dental care into routine veterinary practice** and encourages both professional training and **active owner participation**.