

Presentation topic and biographical notes: Dr Tom Lonsdale, Tuesday 17
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The Pet Food Debacle: Dental and medical research perspectives

Veterinarian, Dr Tom Lonsdale graduated from the University of London in 1972. In the 1980's he became aware of the epidemic of periodontal and other diet-induced diseases affecting his carnivore patients — by contrast animals fed a more natural diet and with healthy gums glowed with vitality. Dogs and cats previously thought to be in terminal decline, after dental treatment and change of diet, became like puppies and kittens again.

In 1992 Tom proposed a population regulatory mechanism, The Cybernetic Hypothesis of Periodontal Disease, with diverse human dental and medical research implications. His landmark book *Raw Meaty Bones: Promote Health* was published in 2001; followed in 2005 by *Work Wonders: Feed your dog raw meaty bones*.

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