## AIDS-like disease threatens family pets

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as they were by bones and raw meat, Dr Lonsdale said.

The Veterinary Association commissioned a review of scien-tific literature on the relation-

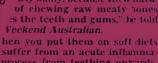
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suffer from an acute inflamma process from teething onvards. aich continues for all their life. About 85-100 per cent of domestic

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oets suffered from gum disease, which s why their breath often smelt foul.

Dr Lonsdale said the immune damge was caused by a combination of hree factors — toxins from more than 00 kinds of bacteria infesting the nimal's mouth and gums, an over-eaction by the immune system itself, /hich also attacked the mouth and ums, and the effects of a largely lant-based diet in processed foods on he carnivore's gut.

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pet food 'kills animals' Processed

A SYDNEY veterinarian has launched a campaign to investigate the pet food industry after research Tom Lonsdale has called for

an inquiry to be set up to investi gate the industry's food and its effects on animals.

He said once the information be-came public knowledge the \$700 million-a-year pet food indus-try would "wither and die".

His research showed almost all domestic animals suffered from an acute mouth disease and diet-in-

HIV/AIDS in humans

Dr Lonsdale said hard, tough meat and bones toughened and cleaned gums and teeth, getting rid

of toxins in the mouth. When animals were fed soft slops the toxins remained and attacked the mouth and gums.

could be bought at about a thir price of processed foods. "Previously we thought a

were suffering the effects of o<sub>1</sub>, when in fact they were wasting away with periodontal disease and diet-induced AIDS," he said.

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