



## February is National Pet Dental Health Month

To celebrate we are offering 20% off all dental cleanings!

### Dental Health Facts:

Imagine if you didn't brush your teeth everyday, never flossed and didn't go to the dentist for teeth cleaning. This describes the majority of our dogs and cats.

According to the American Veterinary Dental Society, 80% of dogs and 70% of cats show signs of dental disease by age 3.

#### How do you know if your pet has dental disease?

Tartar build up, discolored teeth, redness of the gums, bad breath, broken teeth and pain are all signs of dental disease. Over time, plaque (accumulation of bacteria, saliva and food debris) builds up your pet's teeth and hardens into tartar. Tartar causes bad breath and can also lead to loose teeth or oral infections. Oral infections can spread to important organs such as the heart, liver or kidneys.

Check your pet's mouth monthly to look for early signs of dental disease.

#### What should I do if I notice signs of dental disease?

Once you notice bad breath and tartar build up it is time for a dental exam with your veterinarian. Your vet may recommend dental cleaning and set up a future appointment.

#### What happens when my pet comes in for a teeth cleaning?

We recommend pre-anesthetic bloodwork to screen your pet for problems such as liver and kidney disease. Bloodwork is required in pets over 6 years old, but we recommend it for all ages to evaluate the health of your pet. After a physical exam, your pet is placed under general anesthesia. Using general anesthesia allows us to inspect the mouth, thoroughly clean the surface of the teeth and under the gumline and polish the teeth.



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### What can I do at home to care for my pet's teeth?

You can use special diets (such as Purina Dental Health), a finger toothbrush with pet toothpaste, oral rinses and special dental chews to prevent and delay the onset of tartar build up. Try to keep your pet away from hard bones and rough play as this can lead to broken teeth and oral pain.

Call to set up your pet's teeth cleaning today! Appointment slots fill up fast!  
**(615) 731-8074**

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