

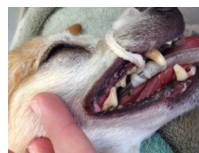
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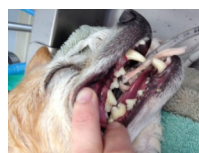
February is National Pet Dental Month

With all the sweets and extra treats over the holidays, we're sure that everyone has been taking extra care of their teeth. Don't forget about your four legged family members this February. Dental cleanings and regular brushing offer numerous benefits, including but not limited to:

- Reduced risk of gingivitis and periodontal diseases
- Reduced risk of heart disease
- Reduced risk of infections and systemic diseases
- Reduction or elimination of oral pain, bleeding and swelling
- Prevention of tooth loss
- Decrease in bad breath



Before



After

What's that? Your pet is only three years old, so surely they don't need a dental cleaning? The AVDS says that 80% of pets 3 and over have some degree of periodontal disease. All during the month of February we are offering \$50.00 off all dental cleanings. To assess whether your pet is at risk and learn about preventative care, schedule a free dental exam today!

Join us on Facebook

- Stay up to date on our latest promotions and events
- Join in on our discussions and help out fellow pet lovers with your experience
- Gain valuable information that can keep your pets happy and healthy
- Amaze your friends with animal stats and fun facts that you pick up from the posts
- Earn \$5 credit towards your pets future care

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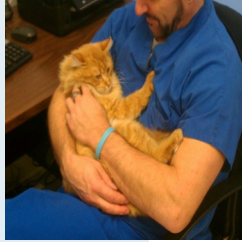
Dr. Weinrick's Maternity Leave

Dr. Weinrick will be going on maternity leave tentatively starting mid-February. While she's gone, we will be adjusting our appointment times on Tuesdays & Thursdays and only scheduling surgeries on Wednesdays & Fridays. We wish Dr. Weinrick, her husband, Ralph and her son, Owen good luck with the new baby!



Meet Super Mario

If you follow us on Facebook (and why wouldn't you? You get a \$5 credit just for liking us), you have probably heard about our newest friend, Mario. He was found by Paul early this summer around his home and they bonded quickly. Mario would greet Paul most mornings and play with his Pomeranian, Cindy Lou.



As the weather started to get colder, Paul was concerned for Mario's safety and set up a warm bed in his shed until he was able to catch him. Catching Mario proved an easy

task as his favorite game is to walk up to your feet and flop over for some chin scratching. Paul was all set to take Mario home to join Cindy Lou and Paul's cat, Monty, after he got a clean bill of health. Devastatingly, Mario was positive for FIV and would not be able to go home with Paul because of the chance of infecting Monty.

The diagnosis hasn't stopped Mario from winning our hearts. We are looking for a loving family willing to take in a special needs cat in a single cat home where he will be kept indoors to mini-



mize the chance of Mario infecting other cats. Mario is a young cat, but will not live the full life that a healthy cat would. Cats with FIV generally live to be 8 years old before they get sick and are not able to fight off the illness. Mario's family will have to be diligent with vet visits and watching for signs of sickness to keep him as healthy and happy as possible, but we can all tell you, he is worth it.

Visit our Facebook page for more info on FIV and updates on Mario.

Acupuncture Update: On Pins and Needles

Since our Acupuncture Open House with Dr. Kruttlin in March of 2013 we've had several patients come in for the non-traditional treatment with great levels of success. Ranging from



guinea pigs to dogs, pets of all sizes can enjoy increased mobility, decreased pain and a myriad of other benefits from Dr. Kruttlin's needles. Acupuncture is a great alternative for all pets, especially those that can't be given steroids for pain and discomfort like bunnies (Gabe, left) and guinea pigs. Even pets who don't like to be handled are candidates for acupuncture.

After Cassie (right) was diagnosed with ureter stones, her owners started acupuncture to reduce her medications and to make her more

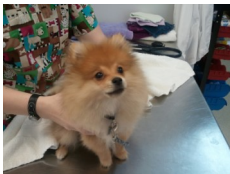
comfortable. Cassie does not like being held so Dr. Kruttlin had high hopes for two needles. While her owner soothed and caressed her, Dr. Kruttlin put in NINE needles. According to her owner, Cassie has enjoyed increased mobility and comfort. As Cassie continues her sessions, we may be able to slowly decrease the number of medications she is taking, too.

Please call or email our clinic if you have any questions about acupuncture or herbal treatments for your pet. If your pet has had acupuncture and you would like to share how it has helped them, please go to www.facebook.com/CityPetsVeterinary-Clinic and tell us!



If you think your pet may have frostbite, soak the limb in warm water for 20 minutes and call us.

NEVER rub the area as the ice crystals may cause damage.



Note: If we are closed and you have an animal emergency, please call the Emergency Veterinary Hospital on Jackson Road in Ann Arbor at (734) 369-6446 (also treats birds and other exotic pets).

Baby, It's Cold Outside

We know we don't have to tell you because everyone is talking about it, it's cold outside. In fact, we've reached the lowest temperatures we've seen in twenty years. And even as it warms up a little (is 26 degrees *really* warming up?), we thought it was a good time to remind pet owners of the dangers pets face when the temperatures plummet.



We sometimes forget that our furry friends have become as accustomed to living in warm homes with crackling fires as we have. Our pets are poorly adapted to staying outside for long periods of time in these frigid conditions. Leaving them outside

leaves them susceptible to illnesses, injuries and other hazards you may not have even considered such as becoming trapped while seeking warm shelter or drinking from polluted water sources when unfrozen, clean water is inaccessible. Pets are susceptible to frostbite and hypothermia just like humans, if you suspect you're pet is at risk for either, get them inside, warm and contact us right away.

Whenever possible bring all pets indoors and go outside with them whenever they need to go out. When you are too cold to stay out any longer, so is

your pet. If it isn't possible to bring them in, provide a warm shelter that is out of the wind. Invest in a heated water dish to keep water from freezing.

Be careful indoors too, where the heat from fires and space heaters will attract pets just like people and can cause burns if they lay too close for too long. Pets may also knock over these heaters if they aren't watched closely.



Finally don't forget our exotic friends. Many aren't suited for the cold, so make sure to check their enclosure temperatures regularly and move them away from drafty doors and windows.

On the Subject of News Alerts

In the last few months there have been many alerts in the news regarding animal health and foods. While many of these articles contained complete, up to date and accurate information, some had old, incomplete or sensationalized versions of the information. Be careful with news articles found online, in print or on television because these articles are often written in a way to excite people.

We recommend practicing restraint and watching your pet closely. If they begin to act sick, contact us right away. We also have a link on our website that has up to date information about recalls and will post the most current information we have on new pet health articles.

For other recall info, visit www.fda.gov/animalveterinary and follow the links. For trusted medical info, visit veterinarypartners.com or vetstreet.com



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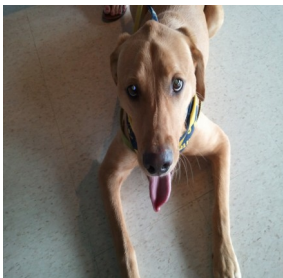
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Hours

Monday:	8am-6pm
Tuesday:	8am-5pm
Wednesday:	8am-5pm
Thursday:	8am-6pm
Friday:	8am-5pm
Saturday:	9am-Noon



Upcoming Specials & Events

- **Puppy Up Walk:** It's almost time for the 2nd annual Puppy Up Walk. Keep an eye on Facebook for dates and information. We hope you'll help make this year's event even more successful!
- **Reminder:** If you've stopped giving heartworm and flea/tick preventative during the winter months make sure to begin again as the weather warms up this April. If you need more preventative, stop by the clinic and pick some up anytime. (We do recommend having a heartworm test done every year which only takes about 10 minutes at the clinic. Please call or email if you would like to make an appointment to get your pet tested.)
- **National Dental Month:** Free dental exams and \$50 off dental cleanings all month long. Call or email to schedule your pet's appointment today.