

The Tie That Binds



Along with our family and friends, some of the most entertaining and heart-warming moments are

shared with our pets. Dogs and cats have evolved as human companions over thousands of years and read our body language and vocalizations like a book.

Likewise, a recent study shows that humans are very good at reading dog body language and discerning between barking in fear, aggression, or loneliness. Due to our mutual evolution, we communicate with dogs better than chimpanzees, with whom we share over 98% of our DNA.



Studies show that over 50% of pet owners sleep with their pets and many buy them birthday presents. Is this abnormal behavior? To the contrary, they are participating in a mutually beneficial bond that has been forged and strengthened over thousands of years.

Don't Trust Treats



Do you think that the treats you find in your friendly pet store or on the aisle in your supermarket are safe? Think again.

More and more frequently we are seeing broken teeth from hard chews, or alternately, sick dogs in which treats seem to be the problem. Weekly we get reports of recalls of benign-sounding pet treats, ranging from doggie yogurt and peanut butter to biscuits and chicken jerky. Salmonella seems to be a common problem, but some chicken products that resulted in deaths originating in China had offending substances that could not be identified.

At Memorial Beach Veterinary Hospital, we carry healthy CET rawhide chews that won't break teeth, as well as treats from companies with stellar reputations, like Hills Pet Nutrition (the makers of Science Diet). Sometimes fresh treats like

carrots or cooked and diced skinless chicken breasts are the safest alternatives.

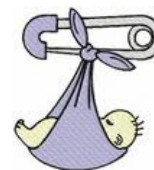
Miss Our Dental Special?

If you missed our Discount Dental Month in October, we are sorry. We didn't get a chance to announce it in our newsletter. For that reason, we are extending our 50% off Dental Month, Monday through Friday every day of the week through November.

Remember, dental care is one of the most important yet frequently overlooked health benefit that we can give our pets.

Please call us at 433-6916 for your dental appointment.

Dr. Marty Is Back!



Welcome back, Dr. Marty Shafer, from maternity leave. She is now the proud mother of two boys!



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Happy "tales" from your friends at Memorial Beach Vet Hospital