

November is Dental Discount Month

More and more pet owners are realizing the benefits of dental care and that pets can live up to 20% longer if they receive this care throughout their lives. Dental care has probably extended more lives and alleviated more suffering than any other advance in veterinary medicine in the last several years. Because oral health deteriorates gradually, many of us do not recognize the effect it is having on our pets until after dental care has been given. In November we are making it easy for you to provide the dental care that your pet deserves. **All dental cleanings are 50% off Monday through Friday during this promotion. Please call early for your appointment, as spaces are limited.**



Bloat: The Mother of All Emergencies



Nothing is more of an emergency than bloat and twisting of the stomach in the dog. This is known as gastric dilatation and volvulus (GDV) in the business. Large, deep-chested dogs like the Doberman, Greyhound, and German Shepherd as well as the giant breeds like the Great Dane, St. Bernard, and Great Pyrenees are at risk for developing this life-threatening condition. A sobering fact is that dogs of these breeds may have as much as a 35% chance of developing gastric bloat at some time in their life.

Conditions that can lead to gastric bloat are not totally clear but gas builds up in the stomach to the point that the dog is unable to belch to relieve its distress. If this condition is not resolved at this point in a hospital the stomach can continue to distend and turn on itself (gastric volvulus) compressing major blood vessels to the heart producing shock and death. Due to the rapid progression of this disease the fatality rate can be high.

Owners of dogs prone to this condition should recognize signs of bloat: dogs have distended, hard abdomens and are in obvious distress; often vocalizing; they may be drooling and gagging or retching but unable to vomit; they may be panting.

If you suspect bloat it is important to get your dog to the nearest veterinary facility ASAP.

In our next issue we will discuss measures that may help to prevent bloat and subsequent volvulus of the stomach.

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