

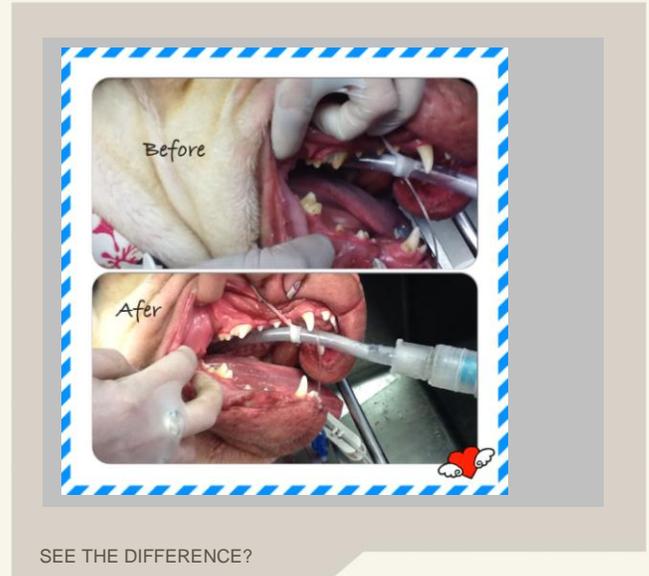
FEBRUARY IS NATIONAL PET DENTAL MONTH!

Many people don't realize that dental care is very important for our pets as well! Brushing their teeth daily is the best way to help keep their mouth and teeth healthy. We do realize that this is not always possible with some pets and there are some alternatives that can help. We offer a powder that can be added to their food that will help to scrub their teeth while they eat. We also carry a specialized rinse and treats that are formulated to help with dental tartar and oral hygiene. Ask our staff about some of these alternatives at your pet's next visit!

WHAT ARE THE SIGNS OF DENTAL DISEASE IN PETS?

Some of the signs of dental disease in pets are:

- *Bad Breathe
- *Excessive Drooling
- *Inflammation of the gums
- *Trouble eating hard food



YEARLY DENTAL CLEANINGS WITH YOUR VETERINARIAN

A yearly cleaning with your Veterinarian is the best way to ensure that your pets' teeth are clean and healthy. During a dental cleaning your pets teeth are cleaned with an ultrasonic scaler that will vibrate much of the tartar off the teeth. They also polish the teeth to help prevent more tartar in the future. Then apply fluoride to help strengthen the enamel on the teeth. The teeth are all checked for any breaks or cavities and the gums are checked for any signs of gum disease.

During all of February,
we are offering 15% off
all dental cleanings!

Ask our staff about this
amazing offer! Don't
forget that dental care
is something that should
be done all year round!
Ask us how you can help
to keep your pets teeth
healthy!





Have you heard about our new Pet Care Rewards card?

With the Pet Care Rewards card membership you get:

- 5% cash back
- Two Physical Exams
- One complimentary nail trim

Give us a call or stop on by to get more information about Pet Care Rewards!

DO YOU KNOW WHY ANNUAL PHYSICAL EXAMS ARE SO IMPORTANT?

Your pets' annual physical exam is just as important as their annual vaccinations. There are several health problems that are commonly found and/or diagnosed from a physical exam alone. Some of these are dental disease, ear infections, skin infections, eye problems, heart murmurs, and orthopedic problems.

When your Veterinarian does a physical exam on your pet they look at your pet from head to toe. They look inside your pets mouth to see their gums, teeth and into their throat. They also feel your pets body checking for any lumps or bumps that shouldn't be there and seeing how their coat and skin look. By feeling the lymph nodes in different areas of your pets body they can feel if there are any that are enlarged, which could be an indication of an underlying problem.

The Veterinarian will also check your pets ability to move and flex their limbs. This part of the exam often lets the Veterinarian know if there is any stiffness, pain, or loss of mobility starting to develop.

Younger pets should have a physical exam at least once a year and our senior patients (7 years and older) should have a physical exam once every 6 months. With our older patients age related problems can arise quicker, making a physical exam that much more important.

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