



Paw Print

Keeping your pet's teeth healthy for life!

Common Mouth Myths

Pets are supposed to have bad breath.

FALSE: A foul odor is not normal. Just as in people, bad breath in pets is often a sign of dental disease and requires treatment.

Pets don't need regular oral hygiene.

FALSE: Even with regular veterinary dental cleanings, your pet still needs regular tooth brushing to keep his breath sweet and pearly whites sparkling.

Pets' mouths clean themselves.

FALSE: While there are some natural enzyme systems at work

in your pet's mouth, these will not keep your pet's teeth clean. Plaque and tartar builds up on your pet's teeth and requires brushing or rubbing to remove.

Cats don't need dental care.

Signs your pet is suffering from dental disease:

- Bad breath
- Red gums
- Pus oozing from gums
- Facial swelling
- Yellow or brownish buildup on the teeth
- Pain

FALSE: Cats and small-breed dogs often require more dental care than larger-breed dogs.

Cats have stinky breath because they eat smelly foods.

FALSE: An odor in your cat's mouth is a sign of a health problem, and should be discussed with your pet's veterinarian.

January is Dental Month at Cobb!

Save 10% off your pet's routine dentistry



We are very excited to announce that we were voted the #1 "Best Veterinarian Office" in YES! Weekly's 2014 Triad's Best Survey! Thank you so much to our loyal clients that voted for us! We are also extremely appreciative of our staff- they make us the clinic that you enjoy bringing your pets to!

welcome >>>

Dr. Allison Peters!



Dr. Allison Peters grew up in Vermont, as well as Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Zoology from North Carolina State University, and her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from North Carolina State University in 2014.

During her years in veterinary school she was involved with research into diseases of the gallbladder and immune mediated blood disorders. She worked in the clinical pathology lab. In her

senior year she received the Donald R. Howard Award for Surgical Excellence, as well as the Companion Animal Faculty Award for Clinical Proficiency. She is a member of Phi Zeta, the National Veterinary Honor Society. Dr. Peters is excited to begin her career in small animal veterinary medicine at Cobb Animal Clinic. Her areas of interest include dermatology, dentistry and internal medicine.



She and her husband Kenneth were married in 2012, and their son, Nate, joined their family September of this year. They also share their home with Piper, a Scottish terrier, and their cats. They are enjoying getting to know the Greensboro area.

Is your dog or cat on a Hill's Science Diet Prescription c/d, k/d, i/d or i/d Low Fat diet?

If so, we have some exciting news! Hill's Science Diet Nutrition has created "stews" in these prescription formulas.

Sometimes our pets want a change of flavors or textures, and these are perfect for that while still providing all the prescription diet needs! Call our office at (336) 288-8550.



RECALLED!

CHICKEN JERKY TREATS

Since 2007, there have been approximately 3,600 complaints of pet illness associated with chicken jerky treats reported to the FDA, including more than 580 deaths. Most of these reports involve jerky products imported from China.

Affected pets include dogs and cats of all sizes and breeds. Most symptoms reported have been gastrointestinal illness (60% of all cases) and a significant number of kidney or urinary issues (about 30%). The FDA is currently investigating this matter and testing products. Here are some important points to help keep your pet safe!

- Manufacturers are not required to list the country of origin for each ingredient, so packages may not state that these meats were sourced from China.
- The number of reports dropped significantly when some of these products were removed from the market after the FDA discovered six unapproved antibiotic drugs in certain jerky treats. However there may still be affected products being sold in stores.
- All 64 of the store bought treats that the FDA tested were *negative* for Salmonella, but several tested *positive* for mold, glycerin, antibiotics, and mislabeled meat products.

The doctors of Cobb Animal Clinic strongly urge our clients to avoid these products, and to call our office immediately if your pet has had these treats in the past and exhibits any signs of illness.



Clinic Holiday Hours:

Thanksgiving, 11/27: 7:00 a.m.-8:00 a.m.
 Christmas Eve, 12/24: 7:00 a.m.-8:00 a.m.
 Christmas Day, 12/25: 7:00 a.m.-8:00 a.m.
 New Year's Eve, 12/31: 7:00 a.m.-Noon
 New Year's Day, 1/1: 7:00 a.m.-8:00 a.m.

In the event of an emergency, contact:
Happy Tails Veterinary Emergency Clinic at 288-2688
or Carolina Veterinary Specialists at 635-0605.

"Like" us on facebook and visit www.cobbanimalclinic.com for our online store, current health articles, fun photos and much more!

Making Holiday Travel Plans?

Remember to reserve your pet's stay at CAMP COBB!

Camp Cobb for Cat's - Separate "Kitty Room" with large playtime area
Camp Cobb for Dog's - Indoor climate controlled facility with large outdoor play runs. Dogs that spend 4 nights receive a free bath!



We take great pride in the quality of care we give all our animal guests. We believe that with our outstanding veterinarians and exceptional staff your pet could be in no better hands. Our facilities are specially designed to prohibit disease transmission, yet provide open and pleasant accommodations. Our staff prepare your pet's meals using Hill's Science Diet (*Kitten/Puppy, Adult, or Senior dry &/or canned food*) or their own food you bring from home. We happily provide comfy bedding and toys, so you don't have to worry about bringing anything other than medications, if needed!

We cater to all your pet's needs in one convenient location!

Client spotlight >>>



Thanks to Dean and Marilyn Green for their incredibly generous donation to NCSU College of Veterinary Medicine. The new state-of-the-art linear accelerator acquired with their gift began treating cancer patients in August of 2013. This new machine called a Varian Trilogy Novalis TX, allows very focused radiation therapy, targeting tumors and helping to protect adjacent healthy tissues. It offers an important new option for pets with cancer.

Thank you to the Greens for their continued support of the veterinary community!

The Doctors and Staff of Cobb Animal Clinic wished to extend a heartfelt "Thank You" to Dr. Terry Seaks for his generous donation of this lovely framed print by local artist, Richard Hedgecock! The painting, entitled "Hayride," is a beautiful addition to our cat side lobby! We hope you enjoy it when you visit us!



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