

March and April are Dental Discount Months



Dental Month is already in full swing at Memorial Beach Veterinary Hospital. 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 March and April, 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 now for your appointment, as spaces are limited. Check out the video on memorialbeachvet.com to see how our dentals are performed.

Rabies in Sonoma County?

The foundation for human protection from rabies is vaccination of our dogs and cats. Laws require rabies vaccine for dogs but not cats. This is a big problem because cat owners often don't perceive the need to vaccinate. Consider a recent case in Glen Ellen in which an unvaccinated cat contracted rabies and bit two adults. These poor folks are undergoing intensive rabies preventative injections. Their vaccinated dog will be quarantined for one month and their unvaccinated dog will be quarantined for six months. The total bill for quarantine alone will be over \$12,000!

Since 1997, 25 bats, 3 skunks, 1 raccoon, and 1 cat have tested positive for rabies in Sonoma County. No one expects to come home and find their cat playing with a bat, but it does happen! Please vaccinate your dogs AND cats.

Pets Too Plump!

A recent survey by the Association for Pet Obesity Prevention had an interesting finding. Veterinarians deemed over 50% of their patients overweight or obese yet many owners with pudgy dogs and cats thought their pets were at a healthy weight.

Pet obesity is not a trivial concern. The list of health problems associated with this condition is long, and daily quality of life is negatively impacted.

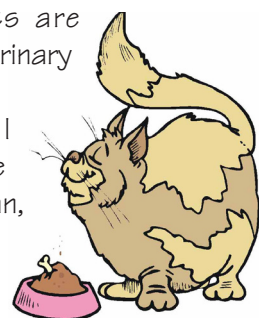
Unfortunately, most foods on the market tend to be very rich in calories. Furthermore, the amount of exercise needed to bring about significant and lasting weight loss is difficult for most pet owners to offer. Dietary modifications are almost always necessary to curb a weight problem.

Hill's Pet Nutrition has created a new diet called Metabolic Advanced Weight Solution. This food works by controlling hunger and promoting metabolism that burns fat while preserving muscle.

Real-world studies show that 88% of dogs and cats lost weight over two months without strict feeding guidelines!

Better results are achieved by veterinary guidance.

Please call and let us guide your pet to a lean, healthy weight.



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