



August 2017 Newsletter

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Spotlight on Dental Disease

A problem affecting 80% of our pets



Current estimates are that 80-85% of our pets suffer from dental disease. Dental care begins in puppy/kittenhood, as you teach your new family member to tolerate having his teeth brushed. You'll want to get a toothbrush that fits your pet's mouth. Also be sure to use toothpaste made for dogs and cats, which comes in flavors that they tend to prefer, such as beef, poultry, and fish. Human toothpaste should be avoided; they contain ingredients that are not safe for our pets.

**Not sure where to start with brushing teeth?
Call to schedule an appointment for a FREE
lesson with one of our team members!**

Dental exams should be performed at least annually; it is recommended every 6 months as part of your pet's regular wellness exam. Your veterinarian will examine your pet's teeth for damage as well as for plaque and tartar. Plaque is the yellow, gummy substance that sticks to teeth; it hardens to become tartar. Daily toothbrushing helps to remove plaque, but once tartar forms, it can be removed only by professional dental cleaning. Plaque and tartar harbor bacteria, which attacks the teeth, gums, bones, and surrounding structures. As periodontal disease progresses, deep infections, pain, and tooth loss occurs. Smaller breed dogs are at high risk. Bacteria from periodontal disease can also enter the bloodstream and affect the liver, kidneys, and heart, causing further problems. When examining your pet's mouth, your veterinarian will also look for abnormal lumps or growths.

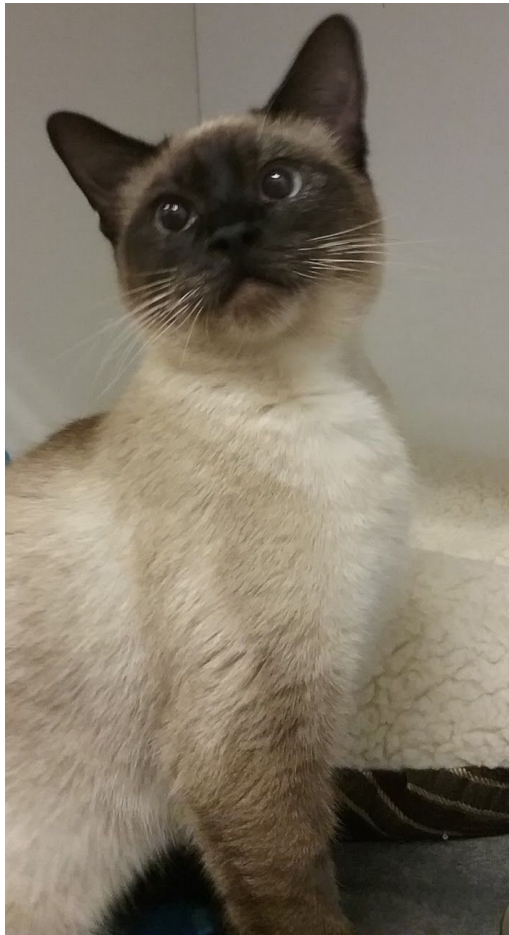
Our own dentists recommend dental cleanings at least every 6 months to support health of the whole body. We now know that our pets benefit from dental cleanings as well. The American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) recommends annual dental cleanings as the gold standard of care and as part of complete preventive care.

The best care you can provide at home, between dental cleanings, is daily tooth brushing. Not all pets will permit this, however. Other options, including dental hygiene chews, specially formulated foods, mouth rinses, and water additives round out a dental care regimen. We can help determine the best choices for your pet. Lastly, when purchasing dental products that were not specifically recommended by the veterinary team, be sure to look for the VOHC seal. It indicates that a product has been independently tested and approved by the Veterinary Oral Health Council.



Oral health is essential to whole body health. Our commitment is to your pet's health AND happiness. Every month is Dental Month at AACCC! Ask us how you can get 10% off now!





Adoptable Friend Update

Did you meet our sweet kitten Tuesday? She came to us with a broken femur and a loud purr. Thanks to your gifts to the **Angel Fund** and donations of time and equipment from the AACC team, she was able to receive 3 needed surgical procedures to repair her leg and spay her, as well as get her vaccinated and tested for infectious diseases. She was sponsored by our friends at Royal Canin, who donated all the healthy nutrition a healing kitten needs. As much as the team will miss her, we are delighted to announce that Tuesday has gone to a loving new home where she will be cuddled and cared for as an indoor-only kitty.

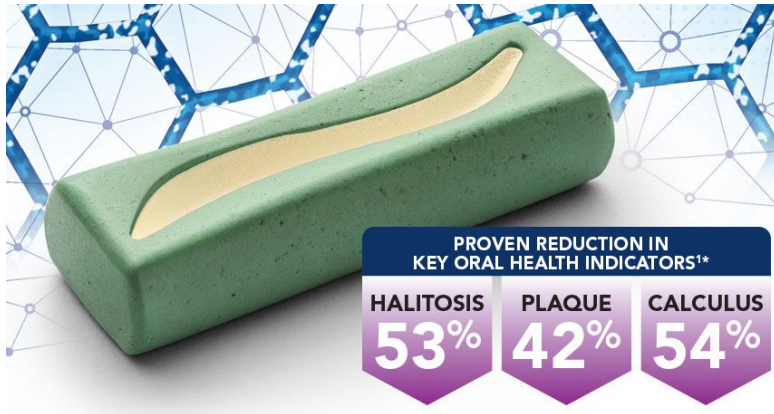
Pet Food Recalls

It seems like there is a new dog or cat food recall every month these days. Recalls happen for feeds for other types of pets and livestock as well, but aren't as well advertised. Did you know that the FDA has an up-to-date listing of all recalls and withdrawals on its [website](#)?

Firefighters in Washington Rescue Endangered Rabbits from Wildfire Threat

A team of Bureau of Land Management firefighters helped a Washington state wildlife biologist rescue endangered pygmy rabbits from a state-managed breeding ground endangered by the Sutherland Canyon wildfire. The firefighters laid on the ground and reached into the rabbit burrows to pull out survivors, ultimately rescuing and relocating 32 of the tiny rabbits.

August Special Savings



All dogs receiving a dental cleaning during the month of August will go home with a FREE 14 day trial of OraVet Dental Hygiene Chews!

(Even if you're already using them!)



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