



February is National Pet Dental Health Month!! Come See How Alvin Animal Clinic is Celebrating!

Dear valued client,

We will be focusing on this during the month of February at Alvin Animal Clinic as we have done annually, and we would like to take a moment to educate you on dental health. If you notice a bad odor from your pet's mouth, if he is having difficulty chewing his food, or if he winces when you touch his face you could be looking at possible signs of dental disease. Any build up of plaque or tartar can cause problems for your pet's teeth. Animals can develop gingivitis, inflammation of the gums due to infection and irritation from plaque, just as people can and it is just as painful. We recommend trying to brush your cat's and dog's teeth as often as you can, once a day would be wonderful. Start out when your pet is young so he can get used to the idea of having someone touch his mouth. However, if you have missed that opportunity, it is never too late to begin. Not only does good dental care affect your pet's teeth, but if infections set into the gums they can travel through the bloodstream. As infections travel they could affect the heart, liver, and kidneys. Dental care is vitally important to your pet's overall health.

Many cats and dogs will need a dental cleaning by the time they are 2-3 years old. Some patients will need one sooner, others later depending on each patient's health, teeth formation, and home dental care. A dental cleaning for your pet is very similar to a dental cleaning you would receive at your own dentist. We scale the tartar from your pet's teeth with an ultrasonic scaler, then polish them to get all the grooves smoothed over, then rinse out the mouth and provide a fluoride treatment to help protect them in the future. The procedure is performed by one of our qualified technicians, just as your cleaning may be done by a dental hygienist. If any teeth need to be extracted, the doctors will perform those procedures. Your pet will be under a general anesthetic for the procedure so that we may clean the teeth safely. Most animals do not enjoy someone poking around in their mouth while they are awake. Therefore, we do consider this a surgical procedure and it would be scheduled as such. Please call two to three weeks in advance of your desired appointment date.

During the month of February we will be offering a few extras for your pet's dental. We will provide an intravenous (IV) catheter with fluids for your pet during the procedure at no cost to you. (usually a \$46.31 value.) An IV provides an easy access for any emergency drugs should your pet need them during an anesthetic procedure. The fluids also help clean the anesthetic drugs from your pet's system faster so that they recover more quickly. We recommend that any animal that undergoes anesthesia have an IV placed. We will also be selling take home

dental kits to help you maintain your pet's dental health at a 10% total discount off the items within the package. You pets will still be receiving our usual protocols for surgical procedures: anesthetic injections, a 24 hour lasting pain medication injection, gas anesthesia during the procedure, and monitoring throughout. Contact us soon to reserve your pet's dental cleaning: available appointments fill up fast.

As always, thank you for your continued patronage of our clinic. We look forward to seeing your pets for their dental cleanings.

Sincerely,

Alvin Animal Clinic Team

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