

PAWspective

Chain of Lakes Animal Clinic

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February is National Pet Dental Health Month! Dental health is an important part of your pet's wellness. Want to test how much you know about pet dental health? Take the quiz here!

<http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/2511639/169767dabec4>

Toys Your Pet's Teeth Will Love!

A good rule of thumb for toys and treats is nothing that you cannot bend or break. These would include things like the famous Nylabones, antlers, bones, and more. Hard objects like these can break or chip teeth, which can later cause other health conditions.

Your pet's teeth will love the softer, bendable, breakable toys and treats. The fillable Kong toys are great for puppies and adults. Balls and squeaky toys are big hits too!

Dental Treats and Food

It is recommended by the Veterinary Oral Health Council (VOHC) to brush your pet's teeth every day. Brushing every day is the single most effective way to keep your pet's teeth healthy. While this is not possible for most pet owners, try substituting brushing for a dental treat every day or a dental food. Hill's has a prescription diet called T/D and Purina also carries a prescription diet called DH for dental health. When looking for a dental food or treat, look for the white VOHC label on the product. That product has been proven to work by the Veterinary Oral Health Council. If you're looking for a dental food or treat, visit the VOHC for their list of approved items.

Dogs:

http://vohc.org/VOHCAcceptedProductsTable_Dogs.pdf

Cats:

http://vohc.org/VOHCAcceptedProductsTable_Cats.pdf

Veterinary Dental Cleanings

Dental cleanings for pets are just like dental cleanings for us except pets go under anesthesia. We take radiographs of the teeth, scale, and polish! Radiographs help show us what is under the gumline that we can't see. Periodontal disease, an infection from the build up of soft dental plaque, is the most common dental condition in dogs and cats. Regular dental cleanings will be based on your pet's teeth and your veterinarian. If you have questions or concerns about your pet's teeth and oral care, we are more than happy to determine what the next step is for your pet.

Clinic Announcement

As part of National Pet Dental Health Month, any pet with a dental procedure in the month of February will receive a complimentary in-home care kit! Call us today to schedule your pet's next dental cleaning!

Every Wednesday we will be featuring a pet of the week from A Forever Home Pet Rescue! Follow us on Facebook & Instagram to see these cuties!