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February is Pet Dental Health Month!!!!

Special points of interest:

- February is Dental month- importance of dental health
- Brushing your pet's teeth is key to a healthy mouth

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Did you know that 80% of dogs and 70% of cats by the age of 3 have evidence of periodontal disease? Of that population, only 4% of these pets received regular dental exams and treatment. Dental health is a key component in the overall health of your pet. Dental disease affects more than just the mouth. If left untreated, it can cause more serious health issues such as heart, lung, and kidney disease. The mouth harbors bad bacteria which we may notice as bad breath. This bacteria, however, can work its way underneath the gums to cause painful gingivitis also known as swelling of

the gums. Once the bacteria has made its home underneath the gums, they can break down tissue and cause tooth breakdown and eventually tooth loss. This is called periodontitis. This bacteria can travel down the bloodstream to affect other organs.



So how can we prevent dental disease?

Here at our hospital, we offer free dental progress exams where one of our experienced technicians will examine your pet's mouth to determine if there are any signs of dental disease. We will recommend a routine dental cleaning if there are any signs of dental disease present. Although dentistry requires anesthesia, it is usually a brief procedure unless the mouth is especially diseased.

What is a dental cleaning?

A dental cleaning involves a thorough assessment of your pet's mouth. The teeth will be scaled to remove plaque and tartar from teeth, and polished to smooth any scratches.

What Can I do to Clean my Pet's Teeth At Home?

The best thing a pet owner can do to keep their pet's smile bright is to brush. It may seem like an impossible feat, but with a lot of patience and positive reinforcement your pet can learn and even enjoy it! The process may be slow. In the beginning, start out by putting a small amount of toothpaste on your finger and let them sniff and

lick it off. **Do NOT use human toothpaste**, it can be harmful in excess. Once your pet has gotten used to the toothpaste, put the toothpaste on the toothbrush and let them lick it off. The next time you try, maybe try to brush one tooth, then give a treat. Gradually clean more teeth each time until your pet has understood the

process. When cleaning: try to angle the bristles toward the gum line and work the toothbrush in a circular motion. Try to work for 15 seconds on each side. Remember patience is key. Don't give up if things don't go well. After a break, go back to the last step they were comfortable with and try again.



Hill's Prescription Diet t/d

Hill's Prescription Diet t/d food is a complete and balanced food for your cat or dog's nutrition. It is a great food for those pet owners that want to do a little extra to keep their pet's mouth clean. Where most food crumbles when bitten, t/d contains a special kibble that allows the tooth to sink into the food, cleaning it. Hill's t/d food receives the VOHC (Veterinary Oral Health Council) Seal of Acceptance for reducing plaque and tartar buildup. Not only this, but it also contains antioxidants to promote a healthy immune

system. While there is only one size for cats, there are 2 sizes of kibble for dogs: a small bite size for our smaller dogs about 22# and under, and a large bite kibble for our larger size dogs. Hill's Pet Nutrition is so confident in the t/d food, that they offer 100% money-back guarantee. If for any reason your pet won't eat the food, just bring it back in original bag and a full refund will be issued. Stop in to our office and pick up a bag of t/d for your cat or dog today! We offer a variety of sizes from 4#-17.6#.



"February is Pet Dental Month... schedule a dental cleaning in the month of February, and you will appreciate savings of 20%!"

C.L.V.H Dental Program

Our Dental program was created to provide improved Dental care for both cats and dogs. Once every 6 months your pet will receive a Dental Progress Exam so that we can monitor your pet's dental health.

Benefits of Dental progress exam:

When it is recommended that your pet undergo a dental cleaning, a pet in the dental program generally has less time under anesthesia. Like-

wise, the procedure is usually less invasive because at the time of the dental, pets usually have better oral health.

Clients that are part of our Dental program and follow the recommendations by our veterinarians will be eligible for a 20% discount. This includes 20% off of antibiotics, pre-anesthetic blood work, extractions, and intra-operative therapies like doxirobe and oravet applications.

Call us today to schedule a visit with your veterinarian and ask us how to become a Dental program member!!!



February Special- Dental Month

February is Pet Dental Health Month!! In hopes to encourage dental health, we offer special pricing for the month of February. If you schedule your pet for their dental cleaning in the month of February, you will appreciate savings up to 20%! Furthermore, if your pet undergoes a dental cleaning, you will automatically enroll in the Dental Program for continued savings every time your pet

needs a dental cleaning! Those who are currently enrolled in the Dental program have no rush to schedule their pet's dental cleaning in the month of February, they will enjoy the savings year-round (eligibility depends on client compliance with veterinarian recommendations).

Schedule your pet's dental cleaning today!!!!



Other Dental Products

Leba Spray:

Leba is an oral spray, then when used properly and routinely, reduces plaque formation on the pet's teeth. The Leba spray stimulates enzymes in the pet's own saliva to reduce plaque. The instructions ask that you do not feed or give any water 30 minutes prior or post spray in order for it to work well.

Nolvadent spray

Nolvadent is also a type of oral spray used to help with dental care. Spraying this solution can decrease the



bad bacteria that can cause infection, tooth loss, and periodontal disease. You can use it in a hands-on approach by spraying onto a gauze sponge or brush and work the solution through the mouth. You can also spray into mouth for a clean fresh-breath smell.

CET Chews

Looking for a delicious treat that is beneficial for your pets health? Then look at the variety of CET chews in our hospital. CET chews also contain ingredients to decrease the bacteria that can cause infection and tooth decay in the mouth. These chews have the VOHC (Veterinary Oral Health Council) Seal of Acceptance. We have different size chews for each size dog. We even have chews for cats!!!

Leba,
Nolvadent, and
CET chews are
other great
ways to help
promote dental
health for your
pet!

Welcome

A special thanks to ALL of our clients and their "friends" for choosing our hospital to care for their special friends. A special welcome to the following:

Dutchess Fletcher

Kitty Hostler

Anakin Leon

Babba Loo Peterson

Cat & Thunder Woughter

Theo II Miller

Milo Oliver

Ella Peterson

Leon Robinson

Kitty Sillman

Bob Hogan

Cooper Adams

Mya Allan

Charlie Basham

Maxx Betts



Sirius Cheikin

Charlie Hyldahl

Nova Lawrason

Jasper Augustine

Gucci Aucker

Noel Woskiewicz

Kitten Joshua

Bandit Wolfe

Chloe Williams

Samantha Bernadette

In Loving Memory

How precious the time and how beautiful the memories. The doctors and medical care team extend our deepest sympathies. In loving memory of...

"Penny" Ashe

"Daphne" Bakken

"Bardamu" Bortnick

"Daisy" Brockman

"Ranger" Dales

"Shadow" Gordon

"Hannah" Gordon

"Shangri La" Hamilton

"Divot" Harida

"Bubba" Henry

"Koby" Hopkins

"Buddy" Miller

"Baby" Morris

"Cruise" Parker

"Bear" Parker

"Brutus" Plyler

"Bessie" Semian

"Abby Rose" Shaffer

"King" Shaw

"Cassie" Mihoci

"Toby" Shimmel

"Kitty" Tokos

"Coco" Hong

"Princess" Muth

"Sally Cat" Sherry

"Kelly Lee" Tito

"Abbie" Wagner

"Kodiak" Webb

"Jake" Gray



Conneaut Lake Veterinary Hospital Employee News



Welcome Back Amy!

Amy Vatter has returned to CLVH to work as a cross-trainer. She worked here years ago as a technician, receptionist, & inventory. We are excited to have her back.

Wedding bells are ringing

Daisy Smith has just gotten married to her beloved Joshua! They wed on January 10th, 2015! We wish them a lifetime of happiness!

Sam's Anniversary

It is near the one year anniversary since Sam, one of the beloved pets of Tracy and Kevin Ingraham, had disappeared. Sam disappeared for 2 weeks and it left his family devastated. His return home was a relief but required much work aiding in his recovery, due the weight loss as well as the elements being outdoors. Today he is doing exceptionally well and they are thankful that they found him! Especially Blair, their 6yr old, who loves Sam dearly.

Food, Friends, Fabulous product

Katelyn, our administrative assistant, ventured out as The Pampered Chef consultant! Contact her for a fun night of food, friends, and fabulous products after a productive day at work!

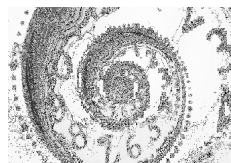
"CLVH has had a makeover!... Look for new landscaping to come later in 2015!"

Updates!!

We have received new in-house blood machines to provide the best care possible for our patients. They include both blood chemistries and CBCs.

CLVH has had a makeover! We have pulled all the shrubs in front of the building and laid new concrete. Look for the new landscaping to come later in 2015!

Hours of Operation



Monday: 8:00AM-5:00PM

Tuesday: 8:00AM-5:00PM

Wednesday: 8:00AM-5:00PM

Thursday: 8:00AM-7:00PM

Friday: 8:00AM-5:00PM

Saturday: 8:00AM-NOON

Monthly Staff Meetings

We hold our monthly staff meetings every **3rd Thursday of every month**. On these days we will be closed between

12:00PM-1:30PM

If you have an emergency, please call 814-382-5446 and someone will direct your call.

Check out Our Updated Website!!!

We have recently revamped our website! Check it out and tell us what you think! Go to: www.conneautlakeveterinaryhospital.com

Also check us out and **LIKE** us on Facebook! We have fun facts and sometimes even contests! And as any veterinary clinic should, we have tons of cute pet pics! We welcome all our clients to share their favorite pictures of their pets!

