

Smile! February is Dental Month!

Staff News...

Understanding the Need for Pet Dental Care

Your pets rely upon you to keep their mouths healthy and deserve regular professional dental cleanings - just like you!

- Plaque is the primary reason that nearly 88% of adult cats and dogs develop periodontal disease.
- Plaque is formed by bacterial mineral deposits that accumulate on teeth.
- Plaque begins to accumulate within minutes of any dental cleaning.



- Calculus is the mineralization of plaque and forms with 36 hours if plaque is not removed.
- Periodontal disease is preventable through appropriate plaque control.
 - Approximately 10% of dogs have one or more extra teeth preventing the normal position of adult teeth and accelerating the formation of periodontal disease.
- The complete dental prophylaxis, including sub-gingival scaling, can only be accomplished with the pet under general anesthesia.
- Dental cleaning under anesthesia should be viewed as a preventative procedure, not just as periodontal therapy.

A special thank you to all of our friends who helped us fill our gift barrel for Pro-bono! It was a great success again this year we collected lots of toys, bedding, blankets and food for donation.

What is a Dental Cleaning?

Our professional dental cleaning is very similar to the one used by your dentist. The main difference is that our patients require general anesthesia, which allows us to perform a thorough oral exam and treatment. We use the best

and safest anesthetics to provide a rapid and gentle recovery.

Your pet's comfort and safety are our top priority, and your pet deserves the best care. We offer additional services to reduce unnecessary risk and improve anesthesia recovery.

These include peri-operative laboratory testing, intravenous fluid support and Propofol anesthesia induction to provide the smoothest and fastest recovery from anesthesia with little sedative after-effect.

- Tara, Outpatient Care provider, and husband Phil are expecting their first child in January.
- Dr Fricke recently attended a 3-day training course on cranial/sacral therapy. He is constantly learning new skills to provide a variety of treatment options for patient care.
- In January, staff members will be attending Educational Winterfest lectures, an opportunity for doctors and technicians to enhance their medical knowledge.
- Mekeesha, One of our Client Care providers, who has recently been diagnosed with Breast Cancer, is celebrating her last chemotherapy treatment in January. Way to go Mekeesha!



Continuing Education

Its almost March and that means the Oregon Veterinary Conference is right around the corner. Each year McKenzie Animal Hospital provides 8-10 employees with the opportunity to go to Oregon State University for a 3 day veterinary conference. During this conference, team members can attend different courses and wet labs that provide continuing education for them. At the conference doctors and staff members have a wonderful opportunity to catch up with fellow colleges. Dr Matthew Fricke will be representing McKenzie Animal Hospital as a guest speaker this year, he will be speaking on Exotic handling and husbandry.



Employee of the Quarter... Pam Kinkade!

McKenzie Animal Hospital would like to announce our Winter Employee-of-the Quarter is Pam Kinkade. Pam has worked at McKenzie Animal Hospital for 10 years. Pam is our head lab technician and is responsible for the hospital inventory. She is a caring and kind person who is always providing treats for team members and fresh flowers for the hospital. She is the proud owner of her rooster Walter-who happens to be the most spoiled rooster we know!
Congratulations Pam!



Fun Fact: According to the American Dental Society nearly 85% of dogs and cats show signs of periodontal dental disease by age three.

OPTIMAL HOME DENTAL CARE FOR YOUR PET

Imagine what would happen if you didn't care for your teeth regularly. The same basics of dental care also apply to your pet's teeth.

Brushing your pet's teeth daily, feeding a therapeutic diet and applying a barrier that reduces plaque formation are the best ways to maintain your

pet's oral health. We also recommend providing your pet with therapeutic toys designed to help enhance good dental health. Benefits of maintaining your pet's oral hygiene are healthy gums, fresh breath, prevention of tooth loss and pain and prevention of chronic infections that can spread to the heart,

liver, lungs and kidneys.

If you are interested in home dental care for your pet's teeth please ask us how you can get started on a program specific to your pet's needs. Every step you take will slow the production of plaque and tartar and will benefit your pet. They will thank you in the end.

February Dental Promotions

- \$20.00 off Full Mouth Dental Radiographs
- Special savings on Dental Wellness Lab Screens
- New lower cost dental cleanings to keep healthy mouths healthy
- 10% Savings on all Preventive Dental Products (excluding diets)
- Introductory special on Canine Porphyromonas Vaccine
- 25% off Hills Prescription t/d diet

