



Arbor Animal News

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February is National Pet Dental Health Month

The American Veterinary Medical Association along with several other national groups designates February as National Pet Dental Health Month. The goal is to focus attention on what is arguably the number one health problem for cats and dogs. Periodontal disease is the most common clinical condition in cats and dogs and is preventable!

We see dental disease in many forms daily in our practice and what we see commonly ranges from a pet that needs a simple cleaning to one that has severe dental disease and requires treatment with antibiotics and removal of abscessed or rotten teeth. Unfortunately many untreated cases will progress from infections in the mouth to infections in other parts of the body with heart valves, kidneys, and liver being common targets.

Our doctors assess the oral health of all of our patients at their Annual Exam and will recommend a cleaning or treatments as needed. Small breed dogs tend to be most commonly and severely affected but all cats and dogs may be affected by periodontal disease. Signs may be limited to the mouth such as bad breath, red or swollen gums, brownish teeth, pawing or rubbing the face, and reluctance to eat hard food. However we see some patients for problems caused by long-standing dental disease such as heart failure or kidney failure. We hope to prevent this with routine oral care in our patients.

Look in your dog or cat's mouth routinely and see if there are any obvious signs of oral disease. Ask our staff if you believe a doctor should examine the mouth and we will happy to schedule your pet. We hope to start 2015 by taking care of your pets oral health and dental cleanings scheduled in February will receive a significant discount (See discount coupon smile).



in this newsletter. Something to smile about!

Critical Care for our Critters—STAT

Arbor Animal Clinic sees a very wide variety of health concerns in dogs and cats. For 24 years we have offered routine care as well as complicated, long term, and intensive care, as well as minor and major surgery for our patients. Veterinary medicine continues to get more sophisticated and we are able to treat many conditions effectively that were beyond the capability of many clinics only a few years ago.

One of the things which has become an increasing need to be able to offer superior care is the use of veterinary specialists and specialty clinics. This year we will have two new facilities which we can refer to for 24 hour care when it is needed for the most critical of cases. With Board certified specialists and overnight care we will be able to insure that your pet receives the absolute best and most up-to-date care possible when the need arises.

We will continue to offer referral as well to Boarded specialists for special surgeries and diagnostics, as well as complicated oncology, neurology, internal medicine, and dermatology cases. We also continue to have consultations and treatments with specialists at our clinic for ultrasonography, surgery, radiology, and cardiology. We are truly blessed to have a community of experts in the many fields of veterinary medicine at our disposal and are constantly updating and adding to our ability to serve you and your pets. We now serve over 4,000 (human) clients and their many four legged family members. It is a big task and we are up to it. Sometimes that means calling in an expert to help and we are proud to be able to offer such an array of specialists.



Fun Pet Facts

Did you know?

- 📄 An estimated 1 million dogs in the U.S. have been named the primary beneficiary in their owner's will.
- 📄 A cat sees about 6 times better than a human at night.
- 📄 The heaviest dog ever weighed 319 pounds.
- 📄 The oldest dog ever died at age 29.
- 📄 A cat can be either right-pawed or left-pawed.
- 📄 A cat can jump as high as 7 times its height.
- 📄 Every known dog, except the Chow, has a pink tongue—a Chow's tongue is black.
- 📄 Dogs and cats do not have an appendix.
- 📄 Cats have over 100 vocal sounds while dogs only have about 10.
- 📄 A cat will almost never meow at another cat. Cats use this sound for humans.

A very special thank you to Dr. Theresa Sheih who has been filling in for Dr. Rebecca Davies while on maternity leave. Her knowledge, expertise, and compassion have made her (very busy) time at Arbor a rewarding and enjoyable experience for our clients and our staff. Kudos Dr. Sheih!

Dr. Davies will be returning to work February 9th. We welcome her back and congratulate her on the arrival of her new baby daughter!