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# The Pet Gazette

## Pet Dental Month

February is National Pet Dental Health Month. Sponsored by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), National Pet Dental Health Month message reminds pet owners that brushing your pet's teeth is good for both your pet's health and your budget.

Bad breath in dogs and cats isn't something to be ignored.

"Bad breath can be a sign of dental problems and might also signify other serious health risks, with the potential to damage not only a pet's teeth and gums, but its internal organs as well," said Dr. Joe Kinnarney, president of the AVMA. "Your pet's teeth and gums should be checked regularly by your veterinarian for early signs of a problem and to keep your pet's mouth healthy."

While regular dental checkups are essential to help maintain your pet's dental health, there are a number of signs that dental disease has already started. If you notice any teeth that are broken, loose, discolored or covered in tartar or

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### ***Macadamia nuts are toxic to dogs?***

[Fact](#)

or

[Myth](#)

Find the answer on the next page

ASPCA (American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) Animal Poison Control Center: <http://www.asPCA.org/pet-care/poison-control/>.



### Pet of the month



“Sami” is a 6 year old mixed breed, busy raising the Sachs family. “Sami” was found tied outside the clinic around the Thanksgiving of 2010 and decided to adopt the Sachs.

You may recognize her from her starring role in the slideshow (“Sami’s spay day” on our website). Sami’s new project is learning agility and training her friend Kathy to help.

## ***Sugar free-Xylitol can be deadly***

### **Why is xylitol so dangerous for dogs and cats?**

Xylitol is safe for people, but because of different metabolisms, it can be fatal for dogs and cats. A simple piece of cookie could kill an animal if the danger is unknown and not addressed immediately. Hypoglycemia (low blood sugar) may progress to liver toxicity, liver damage, and ultimately liver failure. Sugar-free chewing gum is the most common cause of dogs that present to the emergency room. However, the recent introduction of xylitol as a substitute for sugar in grocery stores has increased the potential for toxicity.

### **What are the signs a dog might have eaten xylitol?**

Immediately after ingestion, vomiting may occur. Hypoglycemia develops within 30 to 60 minutes and up to 12 hours, resulting in lethargy and weakness. These signs may quickly develop into ataxia, collapse, and seizures. Prolonged blood clotting times as well as skin and intestinal hemorrhaging are clinical signs that may develop within hours and warrant a very poor prognosis.

### **What is the treatment and prognosis?**

A veterinarian should be consulted immediately. Inducing vomiting removes the xylitol and is imperative, but close monitoring of blood sugar levels and intravenous infusions of glucose may also be needed depending on the amount ingested and how quickly the problem was recognized. The prognosis for dogs with hypoglycemia is good with immediate and proper treatment, while the prognosis for dogs that have developed liver toxicity is poor. Large ingestions of xylitol (a relatively small amount of the product) that are not caught immediately can result in fulminant liver failure and death despite aggressive supportive care. This can occur in less than 36 hours in dogs that are otherwise young and healthy

### Quiz Answer:

Fact...the Macadamia nut also known as the Australia Nut or Queensland Nut can be toxic to your dog if ingested.

The toxic principle is not known at this time.

Clinical Signs: Dogs: depression, weakness (especially of rear limbs), vomiting, and tremors.

If your pet ingested this plant, contact your local veterinarian or the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center at 888-426-4435.\*





## Keep Your Pets Safe in the Cold Winter Months

Dogs and cats should be kept inside if possible. If dogs are kept outside, they should have a draft-free shelter large enough to stand and turn around in, yet small enough to retain body heat. Use a layer of straw or other bedding material to help insulate pets against the cold.

> Feed outdoor pets accordingly when the temperature drops. Staying warm requires extra calories. Provide fresh water frequently to prevent icing.

> Clean pets' paws after romps outside. Many people use chemicals and salt on their sidewalks to combat ice. Keeping pets' paws clean will prevent their pads from becoming dry and irritated. If your pet has ingested any of these chemicals, it may show signs of drooling, vomiting, and lethargy.

> Remember to keep your pets on their regular heartworm, flea and tick preventives even during the winter months. Mosquitoes and other parasites can be a year-round problem.



## Employee Spotlight

**AMY BLACKWELL**



Amy has been in the veterinary field for almost 15 years. Her journey began when an opportunity to pursue her love of animals led her to volunteer and eventually work at a local veterinary clinic.

Crest View is thankful that she decided to make veterinary medicine her career. Amy has been with us for 3 years and has introduced us to her boxer "Popeye" and cats "Roman" and "Mila" (who she describes as her "real bosses")

Amy is an equal opportunity animal lover however she has a large soft spot for cats.

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## New Product: Canine Atopic Dermatitis Immunotherapy (CADI): CYTOPOINT®

What is Canine Atopic Dermatitis? Canine atopic dermatitis is one of the most common allergic skin diseases of dogs. Like human allergies, it can be triggered by seasonal pollen and other airborne allergens; it is not curable. It may be caused by factors such as your dog's genetics, immune system problems and allergens in the environment.

Over time, atopic dermatitis can worsen. Your dog's skin can become extremely itchy, red, scaly and irritated. If your dog is not treated, there is a risk of hair loss and skin infection.

What is Canine Atopic Dermatitis Immunotherapeutic?

- It is a new therapy that helps reduce clinical signs of atopic dermatitis so your dog can stop scratching
- It is a new type of medication called an antibody therapy, designed to target the itch at its source.
- It mimics the natural immune system of your dog to help neutralize the main cause of itch in atopic dermatitis.

Canine Atopic Dermatitis Immunotherapeutic is a once-monthly injection given in your veterinarian's office. It helps offer safe, sustained relief of itch and the clinical signs of atopic dermatitis, with once-monthly convenience

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Show any of the symptoms below, call to make an appointment with your veterinarian.

- Red swollen gums
- Bad breath (similar to the smell of a rotten egg)
- Teeth that are broken, loose, discolored or covered in tartar
- Abnormal chewing, drooling or dropping food from the mouth
- Bleeding from the mouth
- Shying away from you when you touch the mouth area
- Frequent pawing or rubbing at the face and/or mouth
- Reduced appetite or refusal to eat
- Weight loss

For more information about National Pet Dental Health Month, please ask us or visit the AVMA's website at [www.avma.org/PetDental](http://www.avma.org/PetDental)

## Fun Facts:

- An estimated 1 million dogs in the United States have been named the primary beneficiary in their owner's will.
- Contrary to popular belief, dogs do not sweat by salivating. They sweat through the pads of their feet.
- All kittens are born with blue eyes.
- Ancient Egyptians worshiped cats believing they were sacred animals.
- In Asia and England, a black cat is considered lucky.
- Human painkillers such acetaminophen (Tylenol®) are toxic to cats.
- Chocolate is also poisonous to both cats and dogs.
- A female cat may have three to seven kittens every four months. This is why having your pets spayed and neutered is so important.
- Dogs can donate blood to other dogs and cats can donate blood to other cats.
- The heaviest dog ever weighed 319 pounds