

Importance of Dental Health

Did you know that keeping your pets mouth clean can extend their lives by 3-5 years! Dental Disease affects 85% of dogs and 68% of cats over age 3. Prevention is the key to avoiding severe periodontal disease, which is one of the most common health problems in dogs. Periodontal disease which includes gingivitis and periodontitis is an inflammation and/or infection of the gums and bone and around your dog's teeth. Most people don't realize that dental problems aren't just limited to the mouth, an infection can travel to the rest of the body and cause a variety of illnesses. If left untreated this condition can lead to heart, lung and kidney disease. This can be prevented by daily home oral care, regular visits to your veterinarian and veterinarian dental cleanings. You can also add in chew toys, dental diets and oral rinses or gels. Bad breath, change in eating habits, pawing at the mouth or face and depression can be common indicators of oral disease in your dog or cat. Oral disease is something that can be treated early by simply looking at your dog's teeth and cleaning them on a regular basis. If you don't start now periodontal disease can become irreversible. February and March are our Dental Months. We are offering special pricing on dental cleanings for your dog or cat. Make an appointment today to keep up with the health of your animal!