



# Waggin' Tales

A Newsletter for Friends & Clients of All Tails Wagging Veterinary Clinic

## Show Me Those Pearly Whites!



Imagine how you would feel if you did not brush your teeth for a week. Or a month....or even years. If you don't practice daily dental homecare on your pets, that is likely how they feel. Large amounts of bacteria in the mouth that build up over time are the perfect platform for gum disease as well as systemic disease. Dental disease is often linked to kidney and liver disease

**85% of pets  
have dental  
disease by the  
age of 3 years.**

as well as heart disease and infection. And while homecare is an essential part of a pet's routine, professional dental cleanings done at your veterinary clinic are necessary to remove tartar, properly polish and disinfect the teeth. It's very important to understand that a "non-anesthetic" teeth cleaning is not comparable to the professional cleaning discussed above. Non-anesthetic teeth cleanings can be dangerous and the teeth often end up worse in the long run because the teeth are not polished correctly. And unfortunately, pets have even had their jaws broken because they are awake. It's best to see your veterinarian and discuss any questions or concerns about dental disease and homecare.

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**That's how your  
pet may feel!**

### Here are the basics to keeping those pearly whites:

- ◆ Brush your pet's teeth often; daily is best. Use a pet toothpaste and an appropriate sized brush or finger brush.
- ◆ Don't ignore bad breath or loss of appetite; bad breath and loss of appetite are often signs of severe dental disease, tooth fractures or even systemic disease. See your veterinarian right away.
- ◆ Use professional dental products recommended by your veterinarian. Avoid hooves, bones, pig ears & regular rawhide, as they can easily fracture teeth.
- ◆ Your pet should be seen by your veterinarian at least once a year for a complete physical exam; ask questions and discuss appropriate dental care for your pet.

**February is Dental Health Month! Call today to schedule a dental exam to evaluate your pet's dental health & take advantage of our dental specials.**

## What's New at All Tails Wagging

We'd like to thank all of our wonderful clients who participated in our pet food & bedding drive for the Sonoma County Animal Shelter. We were able to donate a large truck load of food, bedding and toys. Success! We are now collecting new & used pet clothing & beds to distribute to the pets of homeless folks in Sonoma County. Thank you and a very special thanks to:

Carol Steele, Margaret Williams, Hillevi Wyman, Ann Shrader, Susan Kirby, Helen Matausch, Tina Del Buono, Jay Bushey, Gaie L'Hommedieu, Leilani Thompson, Karen Kenyon, Carol Moore & Shirley Juul.

### Congratulations to the winners of our Santa Paws Contest!

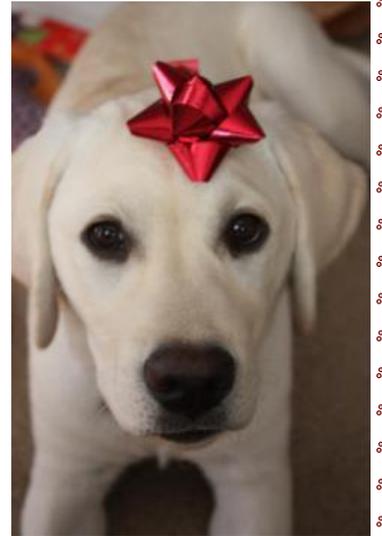


*1st Place*

*Del Buono Bostons*



*"Comet" Self*



*"Pippa" Yount*



Congratulations to our December Merial raffle winners:

Karen Dann & Cat Kaufman

They each won a \$25 gas card and a box of Frontline!

**Fun Fact:**

Dogs have 42 permanent teeth and cats have 30.

**Hours**

Monday-Friday

8:00 AM - 5:30 PM

Saturday

8:00 AM - 1:30 PM

