



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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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 welcome our newest team members: Dr. Katerina Kidwell and veterinary technicians, Thai and Natalie. Dr. Kidwell's years of experience and warm spirit has been a great addition to our All Tails Wagging family. Thai and Natalie both have many years of veterinary nursing experience, including emergency medicine. We are so happy to have all of them!

Our long time technicians, Anna & Athena both recently moved out of state. We were sad to see them go but are thankful for the many years we had with them. We wish them well in their new adventures!

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FOR DOGS

Dogs and cats need protection from both fleas and ticks, and not just out in the woods!

This season is already proving to be full of ticks due to the strange weather patterns we've had. The Companion Animal Parasite Council says that tick borne disease is on the rise in Sonoma County;

Lyme disease, ehrlichiosis and anaplasmosis. So tick protection is more important than ever.

We are excited to introduce a new product, Activyl Tick Plus for flea & tick protection in dogs. This product sits on top of the dog's skin and is not absorbed. It is activated only after being absorbed into the flea/tick body., making it extremely safe! We have had great success with this new product and it is the only product that has *repellent properties*.

Activyl Plus is for dogs only, so we still recommend Frontline Plus for cats.

Feel free to call us to discuss your flea and tick options. We want to help you make the right choice.



Does your cat have anxiety, aggression or other behavior issues?

Ask us about Royal Canin's new food, **CALM**.

We've started several cats on it & it really works!

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 PM

