

FEBRUARY IS DENTAL MONTH!



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Dental care is very important for your pet's overall health. Poor dental health can cause, or be caused by, other conditions or diseases in the body. Dr. Dubs and Dr. Damm recommend having your pet's teeth checked at least once per year to catch any health concerns in their early stages before they become serious issues.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:



What are signs that could indicate my pet has a problem with his/her teeth?

You'll want to watch for symptoms like:

- Bad breath
- Broken and loose teeth
- Extra teeth or retained baby teeth
- Discolored or tartar covered teeth
- Abnormal chewing, drooling, or dropping food while eating
- Reduced appetite or not eating at all
- Pain in or around the mouth
- Bleeding from the mouth
- Swelling in or around the mouth



Why does veterinary dentistry require anesthesia?

Our pets do not understand that we are trying to help them while performing dental procedures. Their natural reaction is to move, try to escape, or even try to bite. While there will always be risk with anesthesia, even with people, it is safer now than it has ever been and continues to improve. This means that the risks are far outweighed by the benefits of doing what we can to keep our pet's teeth healthy.



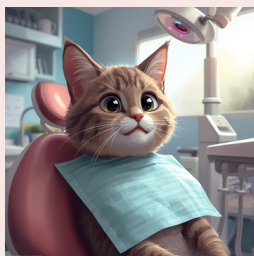
What can I do at home for my pet's oral health?

Daily brushing is the most effective way to keep your pet's teeth healthy in between professional cleanings. However, we know that it is rare to find a furry friend that will let us brush their teeth without any trouble what so ever. So, to remedy that, our veterinarians recommend using dental products that have been approved by the Veterinary Oral Health Council (VOHC). Click on the link below for approved dental health products.

<https://vhc.org/accepted-products/>

While your pet is here for his/her annual or biannual visit; your pet will received a dental score of 0 to 4. The higher the number, the greater need for professional dental care. The chart to the right will tell you a little more about each dental stage and the health concerns associated with each score.

CALL NOW to schedule your pet's check up!



Stage I Gingivitis - Margin of attached gingiva (gum) is inflamed and swollen. Plaque covering teeth. Treatment can reverse condition.

Stage II Early Periodontitis - Entire attached gum is inflamed and swollen. Mouth is painful and odor begins to be noticeable. Professional treatment and home dental care can prevent this from becoming irreversible.

Stage III Moderate Periodontitis - Cherry red and bleeding attached gum is being destroyed by infection and calculus (tartar). Sore mouth affects eating and behavior. Bad breath is present. Beginning of periodontal disease. May be irreversible.

Stage IV Advanced Periodontitis - Chronic bacterial infection is destroying the gum, tooth and bone. Bacteria may be spreading throughout the entire body via the bloodstream and may damage the kidneys, liver and heart.

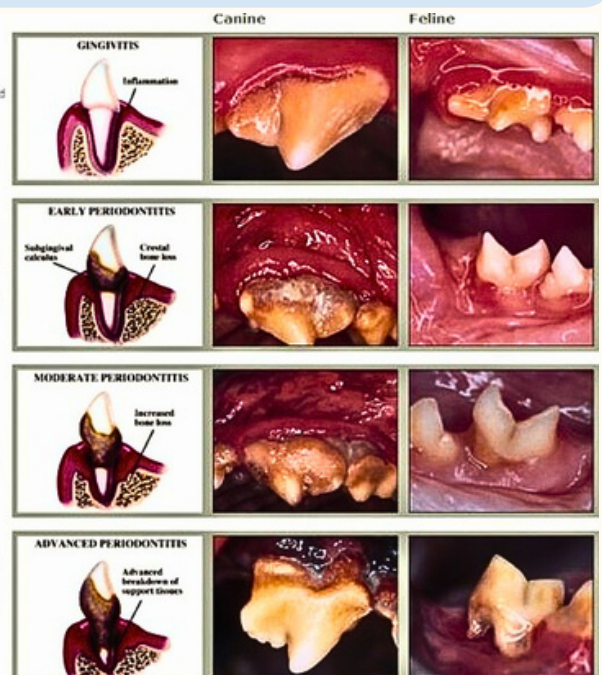


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Meet our Staff!

KAYLA ROLLEY, LVT (LICENSED VETERINARY TECHNICIAN)



Kayla started working in the veterinary field in 2015. She graduated in 2015 from the University of Findlay with a bachelor's degree in Western Equestrian Studies. From there she began working for a professional horse trainer and it was then that she found her passion for medical care of the animals. Kayla is the proud mother of a daughter, border collies, cats, and a horse. Outside of work she enjoys spending time with her family and training horses.