

February is Pet Dental Health Month!



Do you brush your teeth daily and floss frequently? Are you acutely aware when your breath is not fresh? Do you worry about your oral health and regularly see your dentist for cleaning, x-rays and thorough oral exams?

That being said - is your pet's health important to you? Of course, it is! Providing routine comprehensive oral care is of paramount importance to your pet's overall health and quality of life.

Dogs, cats, ferrets, small mammals, rodents and herbivores such as rabbits, guinea pigs and chinchillas can all suffer from oral disease. Oral disease can have a drastic negative effect on overall health. There are numerous studies that link poor oral health with conditions such as kidney and heart disease.

Have you ever had a tooth ache? Were you miserable? *Our pets can have oral pain from disease, decay and infection just like us - but they can't tell us about it.* Usually they go about their business as best they can, never giving much of an indication of chronic oral pain and infections. It is not uncommon after oral treatment on a diseased pet's mouth for the owner to comment at the recheck exam a week later how frisky and happy their pet has suddenly become. *They had been hiding the symptoms of oral disease and their loving owners didn't know about it until it is resolved!*

Common concerns include the general anesthetic required and the cost of the procedure. Rest assured, at the Animal Medical Center of the Village, we treat your pet as we would our own, and go to every length to make sure the safest anesthetics are used and the well-being of your pet is kept first and foremost at all times. We use blended anesthetic regimes and multi-layer monitoring to minimize risks to your pet. There is a licensed veterinary technician whose sole purpose is to monitor your pet's vitals throughout each procedure and during their complete recovery. State of the art equipment and techniques are employed, including full mouth radiographs with CT imaging to make sure even hidden disease processes below the gum line are addressed and resolved.

Please call and ask about getting your pet a free oral exam, or ask about your pet's oral health at their next visit.

Don't forget: February is Pet Dental Health month! Please call our office for our February dental specials to ensure that your pet is happy, healthy, and pain free all year long!