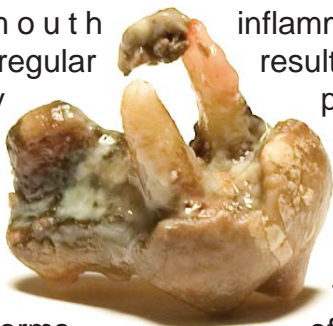


February is dental month, and this year we're making it bigger and better! Dental disease can devastate pet health, affecting the mouth and internal organs, so regular dental cleanings are a key part of pet wellness. Shown is a tooth extracted from a dog's mouth last year, during an anesthetic dental cleaning. The brown crust is called tartar, which forms

got teeth?



when minerals present in saliva accumulate on dental plaque. Tartar and plaque cause gingivitis (gum inflammation), which eventually results in the formation of pus pockets and systemic infection. Don't let this happen to your pet! See the enclosed leaflet for information about dental health warning signs and a special offer for this dental month.



Dr. Amanda DeBree, our new associate veterinarian, will be working on Fridays and Saturdays. Dr. DeBree grew up in Orange County. She attended veterinary school at UC Davis, where she graduated with honors. She enjoys all aspects of veterinary medicine and finds it very rewarding. In her free time, she enjoys hiking, spending time with family, and walking her dog Lancelot.

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Alexander, Dr. Olsen's son, was born on December 28th, 2009. Thank you for all the good wishes!



Wellness Program Huge Success!

Last year we launched our wellness program, which aims to lengthen and improve the quality of pet life by the prevention or mitigation of disease or injury. **The program has been a huge success!** In December 2009, parasites were found in about 20% of poop samples submitted. **Half of the corresponding pets showed no signs of illness.** We also found crystals in the urine of about 20% of participating dogs under seven years old - **none of which showed signs of illness.** Dr. Rana Olsen said "Intestinal parasites can infect people - children and seniors are at particular risk. If your pet ever goes outside, regular examination of their stool for parasites is a simple, inexpensive and essential part of responsible pet ownership. Bladder crystals are easy and inexpensive to treat if detected early - if not, they form stones which cause severe irritation and require surgery. Despite the success of this program, we're still seeing seriously ill pets with no history of wellness lab work and as an animal lover, it's very frustrating. I hope these results encourage even more pet owners to participate."

PROTECT YOUR PET FOR LESS - we now have wellness packages; up to \$60 can be saved per pet! See our website or call for more information.



A receptionist writes... Hi, I'm Kristi and I work here at the hospital. I decided to do the wellness blood and urine panel on my two dogs, Squishie and Maiko - just to see how things were going. Thankfully, the results of the tests on Squishie were normal. But crystals were found in the urine of Maiko! I had no idea because she was showing no signs of straining or irritation. I'm glad we found out sooner rather than later. I'd hate for her to be in pain without me knowing. All I had to do was change her food to a prescription diet - instead of surgery to remove stones, years down the road.

THANK YOU for the towels - and holiday candy! So good...mmm...