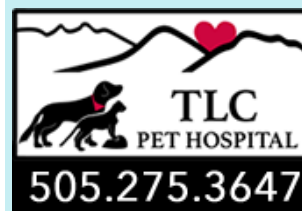


Paw Print Gazzette

February is Dental Pet Care Month



Welcome to TLC
PET Hospital

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PICK YOUR SIDE

Our new location comes with an entry for dogs and an entry for cats.



A DENTAL CLEANING

See back for details on your FREE gift when you get a cleaning.

Dental Care is an important routine

Just like with humans, our pets get plaque build up and can develop cavities, gum disease and infections.

It's Always Pet Dental Care Month at TLC. During your next exam, we'll take a peek at the teeth and let you know how the tooth fairy would rate your animal's mouth. If dental issues go untreated, they will ultimately lead to costly extractions as your pet ages. These three steps can keep your pet's dental health top notch:

1

TEETH BRUSHING

The best bet is much like your own, daily brushing can increase your pet's health.

2

DENTAL CLEANING

You go twice a year. During your exam we may recommend that you get a cleaning.

3

CHEWS/ADDITIVES

Ask us about available products like chews and water additives that help manage build-ups.

Weight Management

While your pet doesn't need to worry about looking good in a bathing suit, maintaining the right weight has an important impact on his or her overall health. According to the Association for Pet Obesity Prevention, an estimated 93 million cats and dogs in the US are overweight or obese.

Health risks associated with being overweight include type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure, heart and respiratory disease, osteoarthritis, hypothyroidism, and decreased life expectancy of up to 2.5 years.

Here's an overview of what to be on the lookout for with your pet's body weight:



Very thin

Ribs: Easily felt with no fat cover
 Tail Base: bones are raised with no tissue between the skin and bone
 Side View: Severe abdominal tuck
 Overhead View: Accentuated hourglass shape



Underweight

Ribs: Easily felt with little fat cover
 Tail Base: Bones are raised with minimal tissue between the skin and bone
 Side View: Abdominal tuck
 Overhead View: Marked hourglass shape



Ideal

Ribs: Easily felt with slight fat cover
 Tail Base: Smooth contour but bones can be felt under a thin layer of fat
 Side View: Abdominal tuck
 Overhead View: Well-proportioned lumbar waist



Overweight

Ribs: Difficult to feel with moderate fat cover
 Tail Base: Some thickening but bones can be felt under moderate layer of fat
 Side View: No abdominal tuck or waist
 Overhead View: Back is slightly broadened



Obese

Ribs: Difficult to feel under thick fat cover
 Tail Base: Thickened and difficult to feel under a prominent layer of fat
 Side View: Fat hangs from the abdomen and there is no waist
 Overhead View: Markedly broadened

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PET CARE MONTH IS EVERY MONTH AT TLC

Regular dental cleanings are an essential part of your pet's Veterinary care. Just like us, pets will have tartar that builds up as well as other deposits that can lead to gum disease and later tooth loss from breakage or extraction. Extractions on an unkept mouth can add up quickly.

The best bet is to care for your pet's dental health regularly. This includes regular brushing, regular dental cleanings and chews or water additives. Each cleaning comes with samples like a toothbrush & paste, water additive, and sample dental diet.

