

# National Dental Month

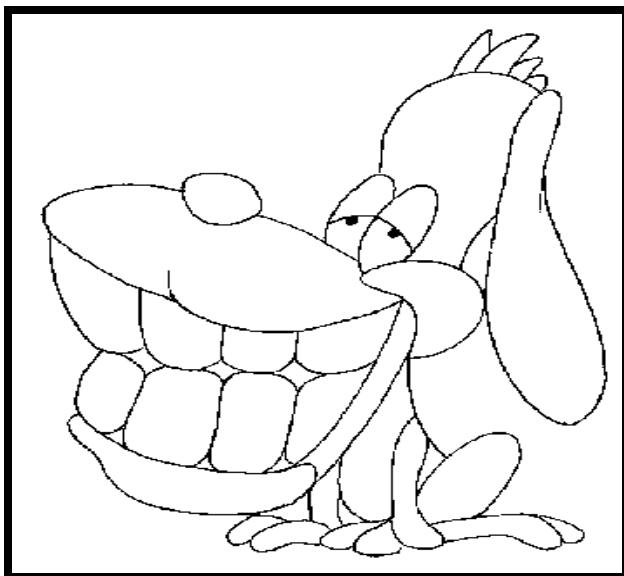
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If you were asked what the most common disease of adult dogs and cats is, what would be your answer? It may be surprising but the most common disease of adult pets is dental disease. Dental disease is present in some form in 85% of our adult pets. Dental care is just as important to your pet's health as it is to your own health.

Dental problems begin with plaque forming tartar that compromises gums and allows bacterial organisms to painfully inflame and destroy tissue and bones. It is also a risk to internal organs because these bacterial organisms can be shed into the blood stream and be directly transported to the liver, kidney, lungs and heart. Unfortunately our pets cannot communicate exactly when or where their mouth hurts. If a pet has bad breath or tartar is visible, dental disease is present and a dental procedure should be performed.

Sedation and anesthesia are essential to a thorough dental examination and cleaning. A dental procedure involves examining each individual tooth and assessing gum pockets with a periodontal probe; dental x-rays may be used for further diagnosis of the inside of the tooth and the roots below the gum line. After assessing and addressing any individual teeth problems, all the teeth are cleaned and polished with fluoride.

Dental disease is preventable with home care, proper diet, and dental procedures. In recognition of **National Dental Health Month** the Chippewa Veterinary Clinic offers a **15% discount** on all dental procedures in February.



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Good Through February 2010