



**Windcrest Animal
Hospital**
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Office Hours
Monday-Friday 7:30a.m. - 8:30p.m.
Saturday 8:00a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
24/7 Emergency Hours

**The Critical Care &
Emergency Veterinary
Center located at
Windcrest Animal Hospital**
Contact us at:
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Veterinary Services

- * Wellness Care
- * Sick Care
- * Laser Surgery
- * Dentistry
- * Digital Radiography
- * Ultrasound

Referral Services

- * Avian & Exotic Pets
- * Rehabilitation
- * Cardiology
- * Veterinary Acupuncture

Other Services

- * Therapeutic Laser
- * Boarding
- * Grooming & Bathing

February is Dental Month

February 1, 2012



**10% off of all Dental Services
for the month of February**

Did you know?

Periodontal disease is the most common disease in pets, affecting 80% of dogs and 70% of cats over the age of 3 years. **Periodontal disease** is a disease of the supporting tissues and bone surrounding the teeth. Sounds bad, huh? Well, it is. Imagine how your teeth would look and feel if you did not brush them and go to the dentist for years – not to mention how bad your breath would smell! Not only does periodontal disease cause your pet to have bad breath, it is painful. Some of the signs of periodontal disease you can look for in your pet include the following: bad breath (halitosis); calculus or tartar (brownish-yellow in color); gums that are swollen, red, and may also bleed; trouble eating or chewing; drooling; receded gums; and loose or missing teeth. If you notice your pet has any of these signs, make sure you schedule an appointment to have your veterinarian do an oral exam. Your veterinarian will be able to assess your pet's oral condition, develop a treatment plan, put that treatment plan into action, and educate you on home dental care. Now, your pet can be on its way to a happier and healthier life.

Another aspect of periodontal disease pet owners are not aware of, is it can also cause problems involving the heart, kidneys, liver, and lungs. When tartar builds up on the teeth, bacteria can be released into the bloodstream and begin to cause damage to these vital organs. Therefore, **PREVENTION** is the key to the fight against this disease. Start dental care in the early stages of your pet's life and you will be ahead of the disease. If your pet is already older, it is not too late to get periodontal disease under control. This usually involves your pet having a professional dental cleaning with or without extractions by your veterinarian. Although a professional cleaning cannot reverse the disease, it slows the progression of the disease. Home dental care also plays an important role in slowing the progression of periodontal disease. If you need help, **JUST ASK**; all of the staff at your veterinary hospital would be happy to assist in educating you on all you need to know to provide your pet with a happier and healthier life.



SMILE IT'S DENTAL MONTH!

Here are some great educational websites to visit:

- www.avdc.org
- www.vohc.org
- www.virbacvet.com/cet
- www.petdental.com
- www.entirelypets.com
- www.peteducation.com
- www.veterinarypartner.com



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