



Our next canine dental day for
Anesthesia-free cleanings:
Jan 10, Feb 9, Feb 14 ♡, Feb 28

From the Doctor *by* Carola Stevenson DVM HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Let's start off the year right. As much as I like seeing all of you, I don't like seeing your pets when they are ill or hurt. Here are some very common problems that you can prevent by following some basic rules.

1. **Don't** ever give your dog or cat ASPIRIN, Tylenol, Aleve, Ibuprofen or any other meds of this type. They ALL can and are likely to cause severe problems with your pet. As a matter of fact, never give your cat or dog ANY over the counter medications without checking with your veterinarian first.
2. **Don't** feed your pet any table scraps or allow them access to the trash.
3. **Don't** keep any poisons or cleaners in reach of your pet. This especially pertains to Decon, other rat poisons, and Anti-Freeze. THEY TASTE GOOD.
4. **Do** make sure your pet is up to date on vaccinations and is spayed or neutered. We stress the importance of a semi-annual exam in pets of all ages. Bringing your pet in once a year is like taking your child or yourself to the doctor every 7 years. Cancer, organ failure, and periodontal disease can often affect young pets too.
5. **Do** call at the first sign of illness. It's better to bring your pet in and find out the problem is short-lived then to wait it out until it may be too late. This is especially true for cats. They often hide their illness for months until you know there is a problem. Often the first sign of illness in a cat is having accidents outside the litter box.
6. **Do** make sure your yard is secured from pet escape and is free of landscaping dangers such as lawn edging.
7. **Do** feed your pet a high quality, nutritious diet. Avoid generics and store brand foods. Also avoid canned foods (not including prescription diets or a few select others) and too many treats. In general, dogs should not have treats every day. This is why they are treats. It's like a person having a slice of cheesecake every day. Oh so yummy but so, so bad for you.
8. **Do provide your pet with regular dental care.** This can be as simple as a daily water additive, brushing the teeth and routine professional scaling and polishing. Look for upcoming information regarding pet dental health month in February.

I didn't cover all the do's and don'ts but this will hopefully give us a good start for a healthy year. I hope your holidays were safe and cheerful.

Pet Jokes

By Lindsay Auricchio

A nursery school teacher was delivering a mini van full of kids home one day when a fire truck zoomed past. Sitting in the front seat of the fire truck was a Dalmatian dog. The children started discussing what the dog's duties might be. "They use him to keep crowds back," said one youngster. "No," said another, "he's just for good luck." A third child concluded, "No silly, they use the dogs to find the fire hydrant!"

Pet Birthdays

Tascha F.	Toby C.	Swartz G.
Rommel G.	Gunther S.	Crystal H.
Sox B.	Chuey L.	Scooby M.

And so many more, we couldn't list them all. To get on our E-mail list for special birthday giveaways, contact our office with your e-mail address.

Pet Obituaries *...you will never be forgotten*

Spackle C.	Ashton E.	Benjamin J.
Spangle L.	Simba M.	Annie M.
Gus R.	Casey S.	Moppy T.
Dubya G.	Garth D.	

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