

**Hanahan Veterinary Clinic**  
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**Edition**

In this month's newsletter, we will primarily focus on dental healthcare and prevention of dental disease. Just like humans, canines and felines require dental care and exams. Excessive plaque and tartar build up can cause infections and affect their eating habits. Bacteria can get underneath the gum line and into the blood stream; causing heart disease and affecting the liver and kidneys. According to the American Veterinary Dental Society (AVDS), dental disease is the number one health issue in canines/felines over 3 years of age, affecting 80% of canines and 70% of felines. Luckily, we can perform dental cleanings on your fur baby to treat dental issues. Unlike humans, canines/felines require sedation for their dental cleaning. The main reason sedation is required is for the safety of your pet. Pets get nervous and may jerk causing harm because many of the dental tools are sharp. It also allows the doctor and technician to do a more thorough cleaning at the gum line and extract any teeth if needed. There are preventable measures

you can take to help prevent dental disease. Brushing with an approved toothbrush or finger brush along with veterinary approved canine/feline toothpaste can be done on a regular basis. For those canine/felines who may not like brushing, there are treats and special diets that can be given. A veterinary approved dental chew can be given to help reduce plaque buildup. Always make sure you are supervising your pet while chewing to prevent choking. Hills' prescription diet makes a diet called T/D, which can be given as a regular diet or as a treat.



Before Dental Cleaning



After Dental Cleaning

## DENTAL WORD FIND

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M	O	L	A	R	L	E	M	A	N	E	E
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N	C	P	E	D	J	G	L	D	N	T	I
D	V	O	U	V	R	H	Y	Q	C	I	O
I	N	F	Q	R	Z	A	U	P	I	T	D
B	Y	I	A	Q	L	P	B	G	S	I	O
L	C	A	L	C	U	L	U	S	O	O	N
E	Z	U	P	P	X	O	M	L	R	N	T
X	B	K	J	G	R	J	K	R	T	Q	A
P	R	E	M	O	L	A	R	A	B	M	L
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MOLAR

PERIODONTAL CALCULUS

DENTITION INCISOR

PREMOLAR DECIDUOUS

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### PERIODONTAL DISEASE-

Results from infection and inflammation of the gums and bone that surround and support the teeth.

DENTITION- Pertains to the development of the teeth and their arrangement in the mouth.

MOLAR- Large, flat teeth in the back of the mouth, primarily used to grind food during chewing.

STOMATITIS- Inflammation of the mucous lining of the mouth, which may involve the cheeks, gums, tongue, lips and roof or floor of the mouth. This is painful and may result in ulcers of the mouth.

PLAQUE- A sticky, colorless film of bacteria that forms on the teeth and along the gum line.

DECIDUOUS- First set of teeth that develop, typically referred to as baby teeth. If they do not fall out on their own, they are usually extracted.

GINGIVA- The gums, soft tissue lining of the mouth.

CALCULUS- Commonly known as tartar, is the form of hardened dental plaque. This is caused by continual accumulation of minerals from saliva in plaque on the teeth.

INCISOR- Narrow-edged teeth at the front of the mouth.

PREMOLAR- The tooth situated between the canine and molar teeth.

**ENAMEL**- The hard substance found in the shell of each tooth and is part of the tooth that's visible when looking in your mouth.

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### **Just A Reminder**

During the month of February, all dentals are discounted. Call today for an appointment!

### **Upcoming Events**

An exciting event coming up on March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm is Pucks N Paws. This event is a dog friendly Stingrays hockey game at the North Charleston Coliseum. Bam Bam and the Hanahan Veterinary Clinic family look forward to seeing you and your fur babies there. Stop by and visit our station where we will have goodies for you and your fur baby.

Bam Bam's birthday is February 6, he will be 9 years old. In human years, Bam Bam will be 52. We will be throwing him a birthday party and making his favorite, egg muffins. Be sure to wish Bam Bam happy birthday when you stop by the office or on our Facebook page!

### **Giving Back To The Community**

King Bam Bam, as he is known as, takes his duties very serious and believes in giving back to the community. He and one of our client service specialist, Rachael, recently took some time out of their busy schedule to spread love at the Village of Summerville Retirement Center. Bam Bam feels everyone should take a moment to give back, no matter how small it may seem. He was big hit and everyone loved his kind heart and sweet kisses. Bam Bam will continue to spread joy and love, be sure to look for more special moments. Check out these special moments caught on camera, on the following page.

### **Client Courtesy Promotion**

Mention the code "BAMBAM52" to receive a complimentary nail trim at your visit next visit. This is for established clients and code must be mentioned at time of scheduling.

\*This is for established clients, patients must be current on their rabies vaccine and have been examined within the last year. This does not apply to fractious animals.

