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# PAW-SOME PET NEWS

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## Furever our Valentine



### Why Dental Health Matters

February is National Pet Dental Health Month, a nationwide initiative that raises awareness about how important oral health is for our pets.

Dental disease is one of the most common health issues seen in dogs and cats — and it can affect far more than just their breath.

Just like in people, plaque and tartar build up on your pet's teeth over time. If left untreated, bacteria can cause gum disease, tooth loss, and even enter the bloodstream, potentially affecting vital organs like the heart and kidneys.

Dental care isn't just about a clean smile — it's about protecting your pet's overall health and comfort. Healthy teeth, happy pets! Ask us how to schedule a dental for your pet today!

### Signs of Dental Disease

- Bad breath
- Yellow or brown tartar buildup
- Red or bleeding gums
- Dropping food or chewing on one side
- Pawing at the mouth
- Changes in appetite or behavior

If you notice any of these signs, it is time for a dental exam.



### Meet Turbo!

Turbo is a miniature pinscher bursting with energy and personality. He recently had his cleaned — keeping that bright smile healthy and his whole body feeling its best. We love seeing pets like Turbo who bring so much life and joy into the clinic.

Thanks Turbo!

### Keep Your Pet's Teeth Healthy

Pet Dental Health Month is the perfect time to start good habits.

- Daily tooth brushing with pet-safe toothpaste
- Regular veterinary dental exams
- Professional cleanings to remove plaque and tartar below the gumline
- Safe dental chews and toys that help reduce buildup should be soft enough that you can press your fingernail into them. If your nail can't make a dent, it's too hard and could damage the teeth.

Even small steps can make a big difference in preventing pain and disease.

### Happy Valentine's Day from All of Us!

We'd like to wish everyone a wonderful Valentine's Day filled with love, joy, and plenty of snuggles from your furry family members. To help keep your pets feeling their best this month, here

are a few simple

Valentine-themed tips:

- Keep the chocolate out of reach — even small amounts can be dangerous for pets.
- Skip the flowers that can harm pets, like lilies, and choose pet-safe bouquets instead.
- Watch those gift bags and ribbons — curious pets love to chew, but these items can cause trouble.
- Give them extra attention — a walk, a brushing session, or a cozy cuddle counts as the perfect Valentine's gift.

Wishing you and your pets a month full of love, wagging tails, and happy hearts.

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