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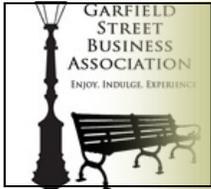


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Join us at the Garfield Street Fair!

Please join us on **Saturday August 18, 2012** for the annual Garfield Street Fair! The Fair is aimed at bringing the local community together for a day of entertainment, music, food and FUN! We had a great turnout last year. We were amazed at the number of folks that brought their pets by to see us. We are going to be giving away a lot of free products and toys again as well as having some drawings for some awesome gifts. We will also be offering discounted HomeAgain microchipping at both our booth at the Fair, as well as at our clinic that day. If you haven't already gotten you pet microchipped, we'll be doing it for only \$25.00! We'll only be able to take cash at the Street Fair location. Also, if you have any questions about animal care, we'll be there to help you out. So please come see us at the Garfield Street Fair and support our local community at the same time.



For more information on the Garfield Street Fair, go to www.shopgarfieldstreet.com.



Total flea control

It is once again flea season here in the Pacific Northwest. The long cold Winter that we had delayed the usual start , but it has finally arrived. So what do we need to do to make sure that our pets (and ourselves) are not suffering from fleas?

Keys to flea control:

- All pets in the household need to be treated for fleas regardless as to whether they go outside or not.
- Use long acting proven topicals like Frontline Plus®, or Revolution® for consistent results. Flea baths only provide temporary relief and flea collars are not very effective.
- The house also needs to be treated. We are not fans of the "bug bombs" or foggers. We much prefer the insecticides designed to be directly sprayed onto furniture and carpeting. Make sure that you apply underneath furniture and around the baseboards.
- Vacuum, vacuum, vacuum. This will do wonders in getting up eggs, flea larva, pupae, and even adult fleas. You can cut up a flea collar and place a piece inside the vacuum bag to kill off the vacuumed-up buggers or just immediately empty the bag each time to get rid of them. Make sure that you are vacuuming underneath all of the furniture and cushions.

- Make sure that you don't have any wild animals living in the attic or crawl spaces. They will bring fleas into the house with them.
- Don't forget to treat the yard. Get the fleas outside before they can even make it into the hose. Many of the insecticides that you attach to your garden hose and spray on the lawn work just fine. Just make sure you read and follow the directions closely.
- Don't give your pet garlic. It is toxic and doesn't work.
- When walking your dog, avoid areas with long grass or woods. This is where the fleas are often lurking!
- If in doubt then call a professional exterminator.

We are still having our special-
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My puppy hasn't lost all of her baby teeth!

Puppies normally have 28 deciduous (baby) teeth that erupt during the first six months of life. Adult dogs have 42 permanent teeth. Kittens have 26 deciduous teeth, and adult cats have 30 teeth.

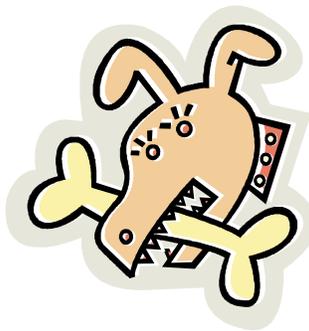
The roots of the deciduous teeth reabsorb in order for the teeth to become loose and fall out. This allows the permanent teeth to erupt normally.

When deciduous (baby) teeth don't fall out to make way for the permanent teeth, they are called retained deciduous teeth. Retained deciduous teeth should be extracted surgically soon after they are discovered because they will cause dental problems (overcrowding in the mouth, plaque buildup, malocclusion, etc.).

When both deciduous and permanent teeth are trying to occupy the same position, this double row of teeth overcrowds the mouth, and food gets trapped between the teeth. This trapped food causes periodontal disease. In addition, the double set of roots can prevent normal development of the tooth's socket

and eventually erode gum support around the adult tooth.

These difficulties can be prevented by extracting the retained deciduous teeth as soon as they are seen. If the tooth is extracted early enough, the adult tooth usually will move to its correct position; if the tooth isn't extracted early enough, there is a greater chance that the adult tooth will be malpositioned. Malpositioned teeth can cause damage to the tongue, palate, mandible, etc. Your veterinarian may decide to remove the retained deciduous teeth at the same time your kitten/puppy is spayed or neutered. If your pet is intended to be a show animal, the dental surgery will, of course, be scheduled differently.



Remember, it is much easier to position the permanent tooth while it is erupting -- not after it has erupted. Repositioning after eruption may require orthodontic care to keep your pet's mouth healthy.

Article Courtesy of VeterinaryPartner.com

Don't leave pets in the car!

You would think that by now people would learn not to leave their pets (or kids) in the car during the warm weather, but unfortunately it still happens every day. Even with the windows cracked, on a 90°F day the temperature inside a car can quickly rise to over 130° F. It literally becomes an oven and can cause heat stroke and death in no time at all.

So, if you pet cannot go with you when you leave the car then it is best to leave them at home where they will be safe. They will thank you for it.



New advance in pet joint care!

Keeping our pet's joints healthy is very important as they get older or following injuries.

For years we have recommended Cosequin by Nutramax as our go to supplement to assist in the healing and lubrication of unhealthy joints. It has worked very well in helping out many of our patients. Recently, Nutramax has come out with an improved formulation called Dasuquin.

Dasuquin combines the same proven ingredients found in Cosequin, with ASU (avocado/soy bean unsaponifiables) which work synergistically to reduce the joint inflammation and speed healing. Also, when you break it down on a per-day cost, it is less expensive than Cosequin. Win/Win!

We will carry Dasuquin Soft Chews for dogs. For cats we will continue to carry Cosequin sprinkle-on as cats seem to find it more palatable.