

IVH Monthly News

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Call our office in September to receive \$25 off a dental cleaning.

Fun and Facts:

- Toucan birds have bills more than half as long as their bodies
- Giraffes have no vocal chords
- The Poison Arrow frog has enough poison stored in it to harm 2,200 people at one go
- There are 935 endangered species in the United States alone
- A snail can sleep for up to three years at a time
- The taste buds of a butterfly are in its feet
- On average, a hedgehog's heart beats 300 times per minute
- A 4 foot tall child can fit into a hippo's mouth while standing



Chewing is good, Rinsing is better, Brushing is best

It's **dental month** again and that means an extra \$25 off of a dental cleaning for your pet. Why is it so important to help your pet maintain good oral hygiene at home? Your pet has no way of brushing their teeth, they don't have floss and they can't use mouth wash, so it is important for you to be the one to help your pet achieve and maintain a healthy mouth in between cleanings. We recommend a line of products made by Virbac Animal Health called C.E.T which are only available through licensed veterinarians. They make chews, water additive, toothpaste and other products to make home dental care for your pet fast and easy. All of these products contain an enzyme called Chlorhexidine which prevents plaque and bacteria from returning to your pets freshly cleaned teeth.



Providing chews is perhaps the easiest way to assist your pet with good oral hygiene habits. You hand the pet a treat, they chew away and abrasively work off the plaque and tartar from their teeth. The C.E.T. HEXtra Chews come in small, medium and large and are fairly inexpensive for the results they produce. Rinsing is just as easy as handing your pet a chew and will also help your pet maintain a healthy mouth and freshen their breath at the same time. The C.E.T. Oral Hygiene Rinse is flavored so cats and dogs don't seem to mind too much. Simply by applying some of this rinse to your pet's teeth even once a week will help freshen their breath and prevent plaque and



bacteria from returning. Lastly, brushing your pets teeth is the most effective way of preventing plaque and bacteria from building up on your pet's teeth. Virbac makes poultry, vanilla-mint, beef, malt and seafood flavored toothpastes so with all those delicious flavors, make sure you never use human toothpaste to brush your pets teeth. You are the first step towards ensuring your pet maintains good oral hygiene and with these easy steps, it can be a fun and flavorful experience! For more information on the C.E.T. products go to www.CETDental.com.

IVH Staff Lets Loose on Payette River



We may be a little strange, but we sure had fun! Which IVH employees can you spot?

