

National Pet Dental Health Month

The importance of dental hygiene in animals has only been recognized within the past decade or two. It's now known that unmanaged dental disease not only leads to discomfort, oral infections, bad breath and tooth loss, but can also be a source of infection in other parts of the body, such as the liver, kidneys and heart. 80% of dogs and cats show signs of gum disease by age 4. Basic at-home care help reduce dental disease, but an annual oral exam performed by a veterinarian is essential in diagnosing underlying concerns. Upon annual exam, if periodontal disease is diagnosed, your veterinarian may recommend a dental cleaning or "prophylaxis". On top of the scaling and polishing, Mission Road Animal Clinic now uses and recommends *Oravet* plaque prevention gel. *Oravet* is a dental barrier sealant that helps protect teeth and gums from plaque buildup. The initial application of *Oravet* is applied in our office at the time of the prophylaxis, then simple weekly at-home applications provide all of the at-home dental care you need for your pets' oral health. February has been designated national Pet Dental Health Month by the American Veterinary Medical Association. In honor of that, Mission Road Animal Clinic will be offering dental prophylaxis for dogs and cats at a reduced rate. The dental month package includes pre-anesthetic blood work, routine scaling and polishing, minor extractions, antibiotics, and a go-home consult and package for at-home care. During the month of February only, this package is priced at \$150 for dogs (regularly \$230), and \$140 for cats (regularly \$210). *Oravet* dental barrier sealant can be applied during these specials for an additional \$40, which includes initial in-clinic application and 8 weeks of at-home applications. Call today to schedule an appointment for your pet!