



# Paw Prints

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## Upcoming Events

- Valentine Week-end
- Winter Break

### “ASK BAILEY”



Hi, I'm Bailey. I want to help answer questions you may have about your pet and his/her needs. Please go to our website at <http://www.4pawsresort.net> to submit your question. In addition to replying back to you by e-mail (if you give your address), each month one of the questions received during the month will be featured in our newsletter.

### NEXT MONTH

Have you been looking for that special furry friend to give you the unconditional love that only a pet can. Then look no further—A pet from The Humane Society will be featured in Paw Prints each month beginning with our March issue. Stay tuned and check it out. Who knows it may be a match made in heaven.

## February — Dental Health Month

February is National Pet Dental Health Month. It is the perfect time to schedule your pet for a dental check up.

Does your dog or cat have bad breath? This can be caused by bacteria that forms when plaque and tartar are not removed from the teeth and leads to gum infection which includes red, swollen & tender gums that recede from the teeth. If left untreated, these problems can result in tooth loss. Even more serious, oral disease can cause serious infection damaging other organs including the heart, liver and kidneys.

According to the American Veterinary Dental Society, an astounding

80% of dogs and 70% of cats show signs of oral disease by the age of 3 years if left untreated these conditions could cause serious health problems later in life. Preventing and treating dental disease isn't difficult — it just takes a little time and consists of: **1) PHYSICAL EXAM:** Inspect your pet's teeth regularly for warning signs of gum disease. These include bad breath, tooth decay, discoloration and/or swollen gums with a yellowish-brown crust of tartar around the gum line. Any pet with these signs should see a veterinarian, **2) REGULAR TEETH BRUSHING:** A puppy can be conditioned to regular teeth brushing or you can provide

crunchy food & treats as well as chew toys, **3) REGULAR VETERINARY VISITS:** Vets are trained to recognize problems before they become painful or cause other health issues.

What are you waiting for? Contact your vet for an exam and cleaning today. The health of your pet depends heavily on the health of his/her teeth. For more information go the: [www.petdental.com](http://www.petdental.com)

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## Look For Upcoming Changes To Our Website

(<http://www.4pawsresort.net/>)

Four Paws is committed to giving the best service possible to our clients.

Website changes will include: 1) A section for suggestions & comments from you the customer, 2) A photo gallery — if

you wish to share your favorite pet photo please send an electronic photo and visit the web to view your pet along with many others, 3) Our website will contain a Testimonial Page — if your pet has visited Four Paws

and you have something to say about the visit please e-mail your testimonial to: [four-pawspetresort@windstream.net](mailto:four-pawspetresort@windstream.net).

There is no snooze button on a cat who wants breakfast.