

# NEWSLETTER

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## Small Animal Spotlight *Dental Care*

Care for your pets' teeth is important aspect of overall health, therefore Dr. Weldy's is offering a **25% discount** on dental procedures for the month of October. Below are some common questions about pet oral health. If you have any additional questions, give us a call.

*How often does my pet need to have its teeth cleaned?*

Each pet is different. It depends on the amount of plaque and tartar present on the tooth. Look for yellow/brown material in the area where the tooth meets the gum. Once you notice plaque or tartar it is time for a cleaning.

*Is the anesthesia used while cleaning my pet safe?*

Gas anesthesia is used and your pet's vital signs are monitored throughout the procedure. If the veterinarian or owner has reason to be concerned, due to age or medical condition, pre-operative tests will be performed.

*Will a dental cleaning get rid of my pet's bad breath?*

Halitosis (bad breath) is most commonly caused by the bacteria that create periodontal disease. These bacteria produce hydrogen sulfide that can smell very bad. A dental cleaning alone can treat mild halitosis, but moderate to severe halitosis/periodontal disease might require extractions and antibiotics.



*What is the best food for my pet's oral health?*

Hard food will help remove plaque from teeth. There are special treats and foods that will also aid in tartar removal but diet alone will not solve the problem.

*At what age should I start to be concerned about dental care?*

As soon as your animal has teeth, you should be regularly checking for build-up of tartar and gingivitis.

*How long will the dental take?*

An uncomplicated dental usually takes ~20 minutes, but since your animal will be under anesthesia, we require your pet dropped off in the morning and picked up between 4 - 4:30 in the afternoon.

### New Veterinarians

**Dr. Aaron Smiley** joined Dr. Weldy's this past February from an equine practice in the Western suburbs of Chicago. He grew up on a farm in East Central Illinois and graduated from the University of Illinois. He is now practicing large and small animal and has experience in equine chiropractic. He is a member of IVMA, AVMA, and AAEP. He lives with his wife, Kristin, and daughter, Jenna, in Gosben.



After graduating from Purdue in May, **Dr. Lynne Statler** joined Dr. Weldy's. She was raised in Rochester, IN and has had training in ruminant surgery, nutrition, and reproductive health. She also has an interest in swine and small ruminants. She is a member of AVMA, AABP, and AASV. She resides in Gosben.



### Technician's Tip

Write down your questions for the veterinarians before your visit so that you won't forget.

### Quick Quiz

- How many teeth does an adult dog and cat have?
- What year did the late Dr. Weldy start this practice?
- What insect passes heartworm?
- What country is the "birthplace" of veterinary medicine?
- What is the largest dog breed?

Answers on back

### Fall Vaccines

*This is the time of year we recommend boosting your horse's vaccines. All horses should be revaccinated against Potomac Horse Fever. Horses that share common space with other horses (e.g. boarding facility or shows) should be vaccinated against influenza and rhinopneumonitis in the spring and fall.*



*Not all vaccines need to be boosted due to the nature of the diseases and/or the individual vaccines.*

*For more information, please visit [www.aaep.org/vaccination\\_guidelines.htm](http://www.aaep.org/vaccination_guidelines.htm)*

*If your mare is pregnant, remember to have her vaccinated on months 5, 7, and 9 of her pregnancy with Pneumabort K.*

# Large Animal Spotlight

## Equine Dental Care

Caring for a horse's teeth begins with an annual oral examination. Due to the changes humans have made to horses' genetics and diet over the years of domestication, dental care is necessary.

### Common dental conditions:

- Sharp points
- Wolf teeth
- Sharp canine teeth
- Lost or broken teeth
- Uneven bite planes

### Resulting problems:

- Loss of body condition
- Head tossing
- Foul mouth
- Loss of feed while eating

To correct dental conditions, a veterinarian will "float" (file) the horse's teeth. This is typically done while the horse is standing under sedation.

If you would like to set up an oral exam for your horse, please call the office.



For further information, visit [www.aaep.org/dentistry\\_campaign.htm](http://www.aaep.org/dentistry_campaign.htm)



## GOAT GAAAAAB



Parasites are one of the biggest problems goat herds face today. Goats acquire parasites from the pastures previously infected by goat feces. One worm can produce 5,000 eggs per day.

Because parasites are starting to develop resistance to dewormers, we must now make management a part of the treatment.

### Common Signs of Parasites

- weight loss
- diarrhea
- weakness
- decreased appetite
- anemia
- decreased production

### Managing Parasites

- decrease the number of goats per acre
- rotate pastures
- regular check of fecal egg count
- deworm every 4 months using different products

## Announcements

### Did you know?

*The practice's namesake, the late Dr. M.L. Weldy, was the founder and first president of American Association of Bovine Practitioners?*

### Owner Education

*If you are interested in having Dr. Smiley give a presentation on Equine First Aid to your club, group, or barn, call Deb for more details.*

*Only at Dr. Weldy's  
Wound Spray*

*\$15 Quart \$47.50 Gal.*

### High Gas Prices

### Got you Down?

*Dr. Weldy's gives a 10% discount on large animal services for immediate payment*

### Haul IN

*For your convenience, you can haul your horse to the clinic for an exam.*

Answers to quiz: 1. Dog 42, Cat 22, 1941 3. Mosquitoes 4. France 5. Great Dane