

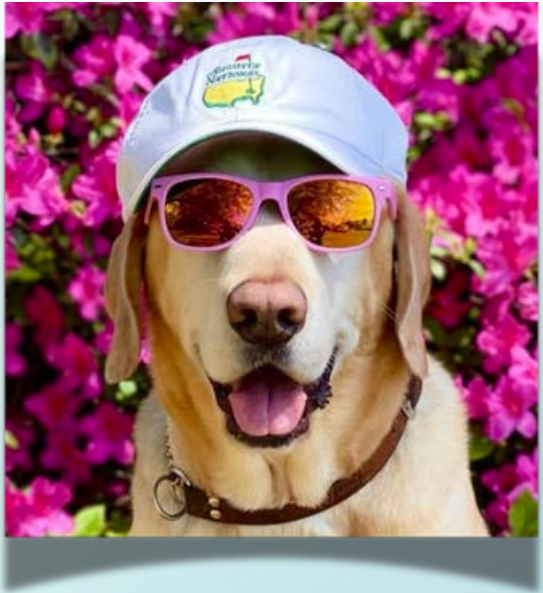
Welcome to Watton Way Veterinary Clinic



Walton Way
— veterinary clinic —

About our Clinic

Thoughtful medicine. Personal care. Lifelong support for your pet.



About Our Clinic

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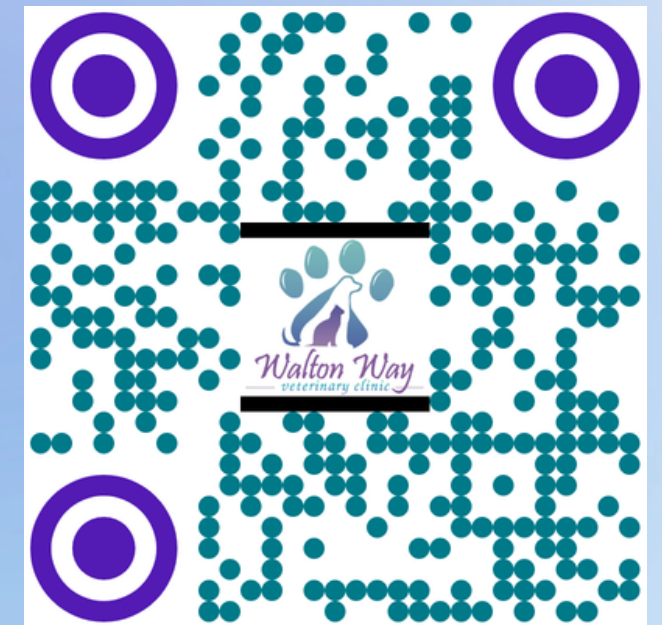
We're honored to care for your furry family members



Website



Pet Portal



Online Pharmacy

A Warm Welcome

At Walton Way Veterinary Clinic, we provide high-quality, personalized, compassionate veterinary care. Our approach includes respect, support, continued education, and practical communication so you feel confident in the health care choices you make for your pets



We know that a pet is family.

From routine wellness to medical concerns, surgery, dental care, senior support, and prevention planning, our goal is thoughtful medicine and a positive experience for pets and people.

Our Mission



We provide exceptional, compassionate care for dc pets. Our approach centers on prevention, the human–animal bond, and honest communication with every family we serve.



Our Vision

To be Augusta's most trusted veterinary partner delivering quality, innovation, and heartfelt care for your furry family members.

Recognized Excellence



WALTON WAY VETERINARY CLINIC



#1 BEST RATED 2024

Augusta

1944 Walton Way # L, Augusta, GA 30904

We have awarded Walton Way Veterinary Clinic as
The Best Veterinary Clinic in Augusta for 2024.

An overall quality score exceeding 95% was achieved,
making them the top ranked in Augusta.

Satisfaction	★★★★★
Service	★★★★★
Reputation	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★



We are honored to be recognized with the **BusinessRate "Best of 2025" Veterinarian Award** and **"2024 Quality Business Award"**. These achievements reflect our unwavering commitment to providing exceptional care for your furry family members and building lasting relationships with our CSRA community.



Walton Way
Veterinary Clinic

Augusta, GA
30904

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Meet Our Team



Dr. Jennifer Vann has been the proud owner of Walton Way Veterinary Clinic since 2015. Originally from Aiken, she graduated from USC Honors College with a Biology degree and earned her DVM from Tuskegee University in 2005. She completed an internship at Coral Springs Animal Hospital in Florida before moving back to the CSRA.

Her special interests include internal medicine, dermatology, endocrinology, geriatric medicine, and preventative care.

Jennifer Vann, DVM

Technical Team



Charlie

Veterinary Surgical Technician

Charlie brings over 15 years of experience to our team. He serves as our surgical tech, OSHA representative, and canine behavior enrichment expert.

During his free time he volunteers at the Australia Zoo with Wildlife Warriors and has written articles on senior care and behavior.



Devyn

Licensed Veterinary Technician

Devyn is a licensed veterinary technician since 2025, bringing valuable experience in general practice, surgery, and zookeeping to our team.



Maddie

Veterinary Technician

Veterinary Technician since January 2026. Holds a BS in Applied Biotechnology with Animal Science emphasis. Former lead vet assistant and Zoo Atlanta volunteer. Proud mom to rescue dogs Moose and Snoop.



Taylor

Veterinary Technician

Taylor brings 6 years of veterinary experience and is currently pursuing her vet tech degree. Her hobbies include kayaking, camping, crocheting, horseback riding, and ATV adventures.

Administrative Team

Kate



Customer Service Representative

Kate joined our team in February 2025, bringing over 7 years of veterinary experience. Her unique background in criminal justice and immigration/customs adds valuable perspective to our client services.

Aubrey



Customer Service Representative

Aubrey joined Walton Way Veterinary Clinic in February 2026 and brings over six years of experience as a veterinary receptionist. She has always had a love for animals and knew from an early age that she wanted to work with them.

Glacy



Manager & Veterinary Technician with 26+ years of experience and an Associate Degree in Veterinary Technology. Loves cats and the outdoors. Pets: cats Rocket, Mama, Two Little; Dutch Shepherd Java.

Caleb Cream



Clinic Cat • Lobby Legend • Judgy General Manager

Caleb supervises morale, judges workflow, reviews treat quality, and occasionally allows us to believe we are in charge.

"If you need reassurance, ask a technician.

If you need judgment, ask Caleb."

A little personality goes a long way in a veterinary hospital.

What We Do

Care that supports the whole pet, not just today's appointment



Wellness

Exams, vaccines, screening, prevention



Diagnostics

Lab testing, radiographs, ultrasound



Dentistry

COHAT, dental x-rays, home care



Surgery

Planned procedures and monitoring



Skin + allergy

Itch, ears, infections, diet trials



Pain + laser

Arthritis, recovery, comfort support



Behavior + nutrition

Puppy support and food guidance



Exotics

Species-specific care and husbandry



Our Services - Surgery

Our surgical services provide comprehensive care including spay/neuter, soft tissue surgery, mass removals, and laceration repair.

We also perform foreign body removal and bladder stone surgery.

Every procedure includes advanced anesthesia monitoring and multimodal pain management protocols to ensure your furry family member's comfort and safety.



Our Services - Laser Therapy

Therapeutic laser is a gentle, non-invasive treatment that can help relieve your pet's pain and support faster healing. It uses light energy to reduce inflammation, improve circulation, and encourage tissue repair

heal your **pet.**

Laser Therapy has been successful in treating post surgical pain and many acute and chronic conditions.

We now offer this surgery free, drug free, noninvasive treatment.

relieve pain.
reduce swelling.
speed healing.



How therapeutic laser helps

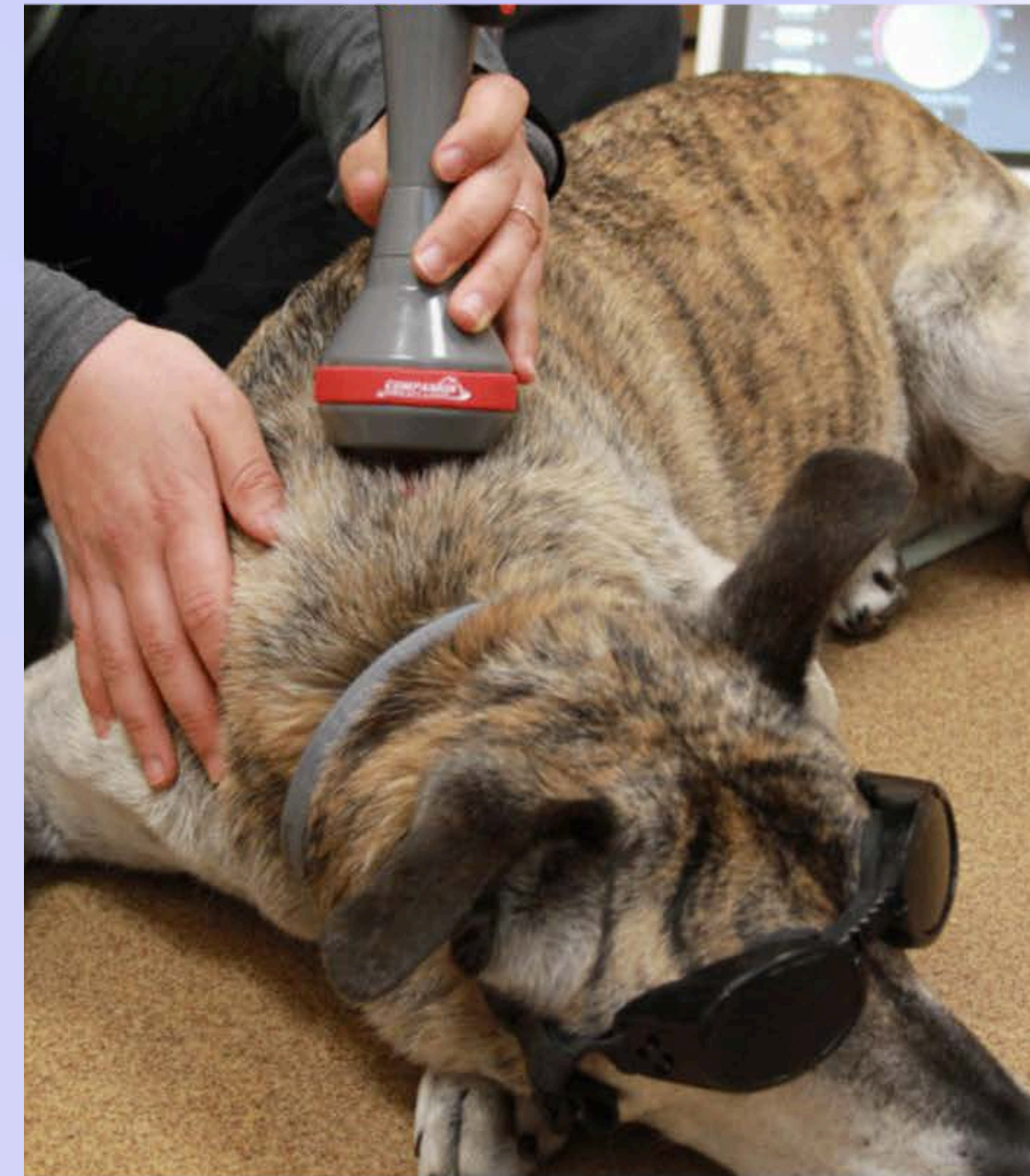
- Therapeutic laser uses focused light energy to help the body heal.
- It can reduce pain, decrease inflammation, and support faster recovery.
- It works by improving blood flow and stimulating cellular healing.

Common uses

- Arthritis and joint pain
- Muscle strains and sprains
- Post-surgical recovery
- Wound healing
- Tendon injuries, bone fractures, and lick granulomas

What to expect

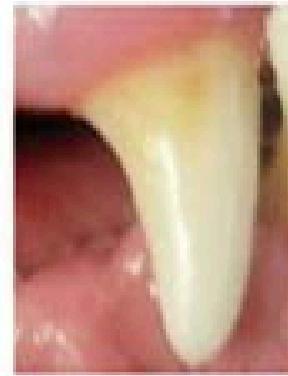
- Treatments are usually quick and do not require shaving.
- Session length can range from a few minutes to 20 minutes or more, depending on the laser and the condition being treated.
- Many pets are treated 2 to 5 times per week for several weeks.
- Acute injuries may need more frequent treatments at first, while chronic conditions often need longer-term care.





Our Services - Dental Care

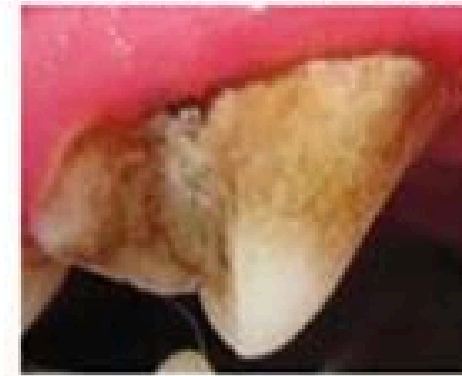
Grades of Canine Tartar



GRADE I
Normal
Mild plaque present
No Tartar



GRADE II
Moderate plaque
Tartar covers <50% of tooth



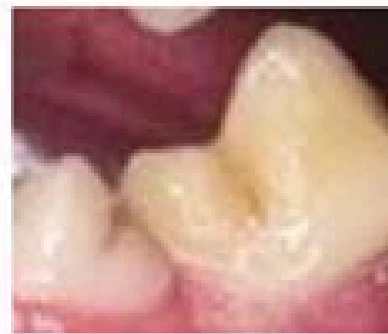
GRADE III
Moderate tartar
Tartar covers 50-80% of tooth



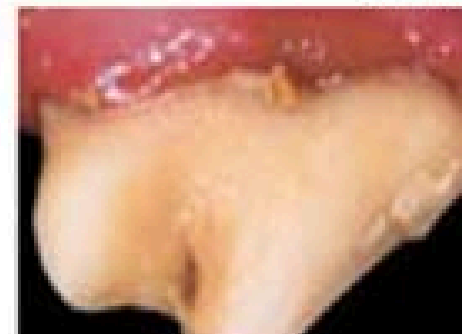
GRADE IV
Severe tartar
Tartar covers 80-100% of tooth

Grades of Periodontal Disease

**Cannot completely grade until animal is under sedation*



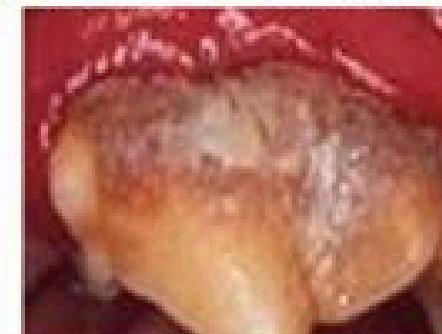
GRADE 0
Normal
Some plaque
No bone loss



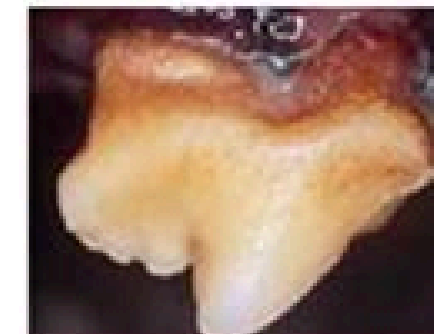
GRADE I
Mild gingivitis/redline
No bone loss
Reversible changes



GRADE II
Moderate gingivitis
<25% bone loss
Swollen gums
Odor is noticeable



GRADE III
Severe gingivitis
>25% bone loss
Gingival recession
Sore mouth
May be irreversible



GRADE IV
Severe gingivitis
>50% bone loss
Severe recession
Loose teeth
IRREVERSIBLE

Why is treating and prevention of dental disease important?

* Dental disease predisposes to: Renal failure, heart failure, liver failure, systemic bacterial infection, lung infections, jaw fractures, pain, bone infection, and weight loss.

* Preventing periodontal disease from advancing into the high grades decreases the cost!!!

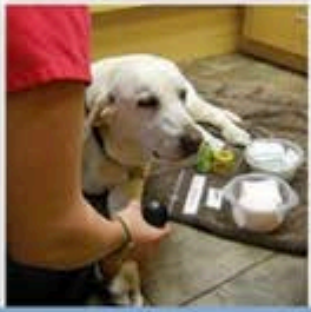




1. Pre - Anesthesia Exam



2. Pre-Operative Antibiotic If Needed



3. Place IV Catheter



4. Pre-Operative Blood Evaluation



5. Sedation & Pain Injection



6. Anesthesia Induction



7. Pulse Oximetry & Anesthesia Monitoring



8. IV Fluid Therapy



9. Temperature Management System



10. Ultrasonic Scaling



11. Sub Gingival Curettage



12. Probing for Pockets & Gingival Recession



13. Chlorhex Flush



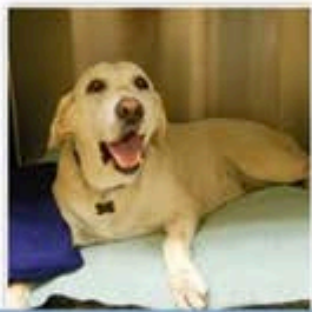
14. High Definition Dental X-Rays



15. Polish



16. Fluoride



17. Recovery



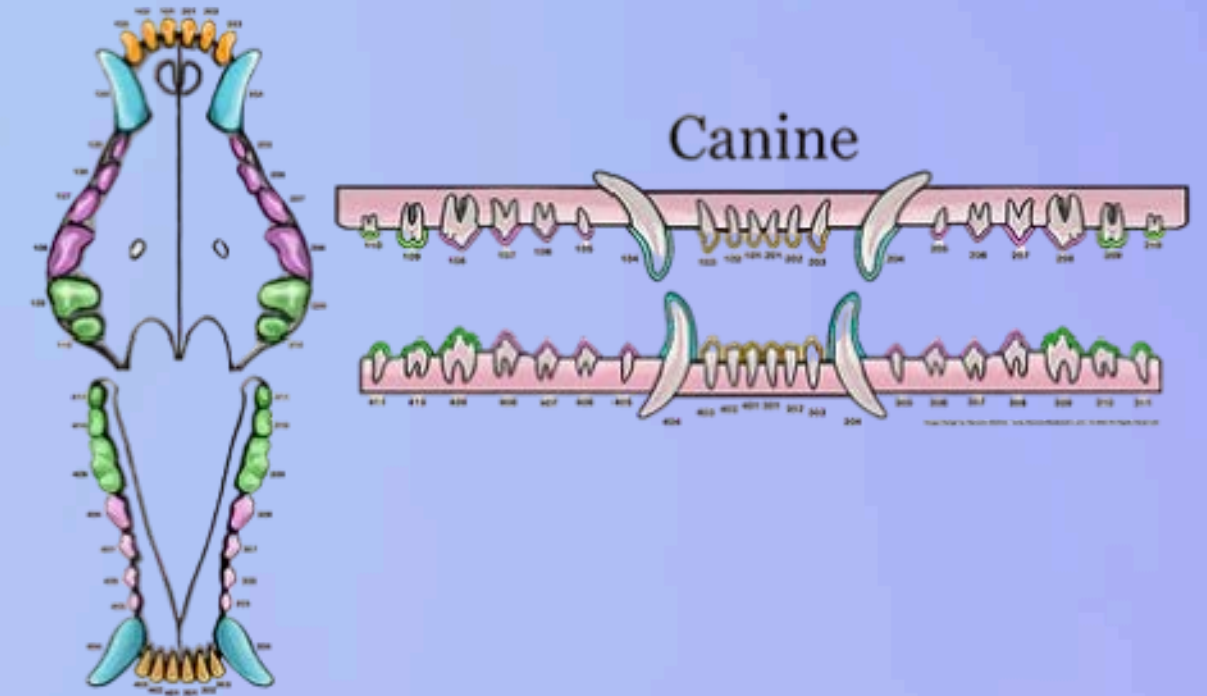
18. Remove Catheter



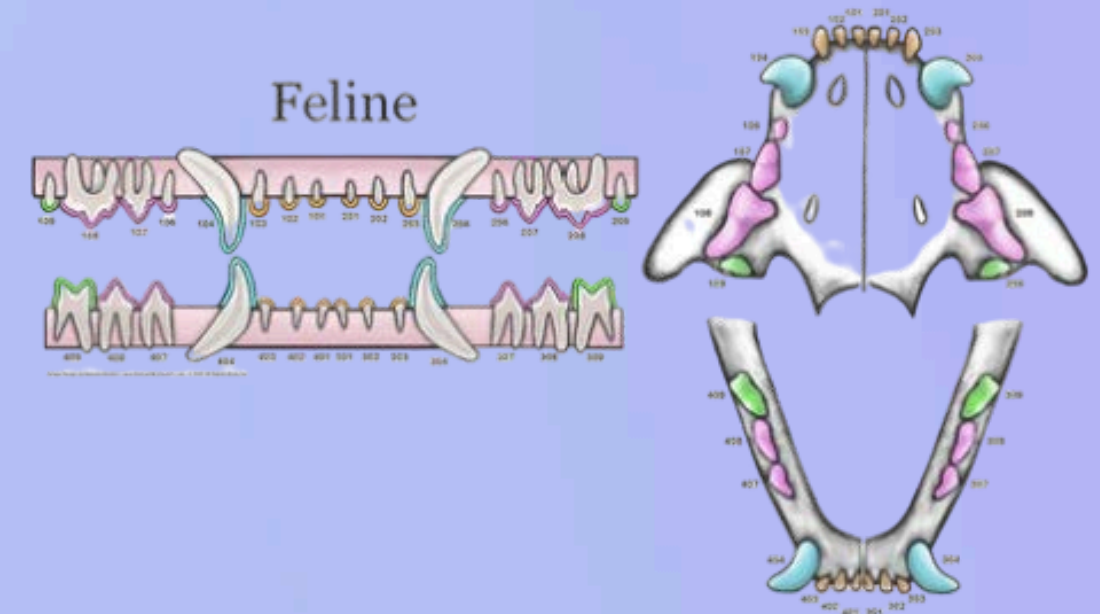
19. Dental Charting



20. Home Care & Dental Aftercare

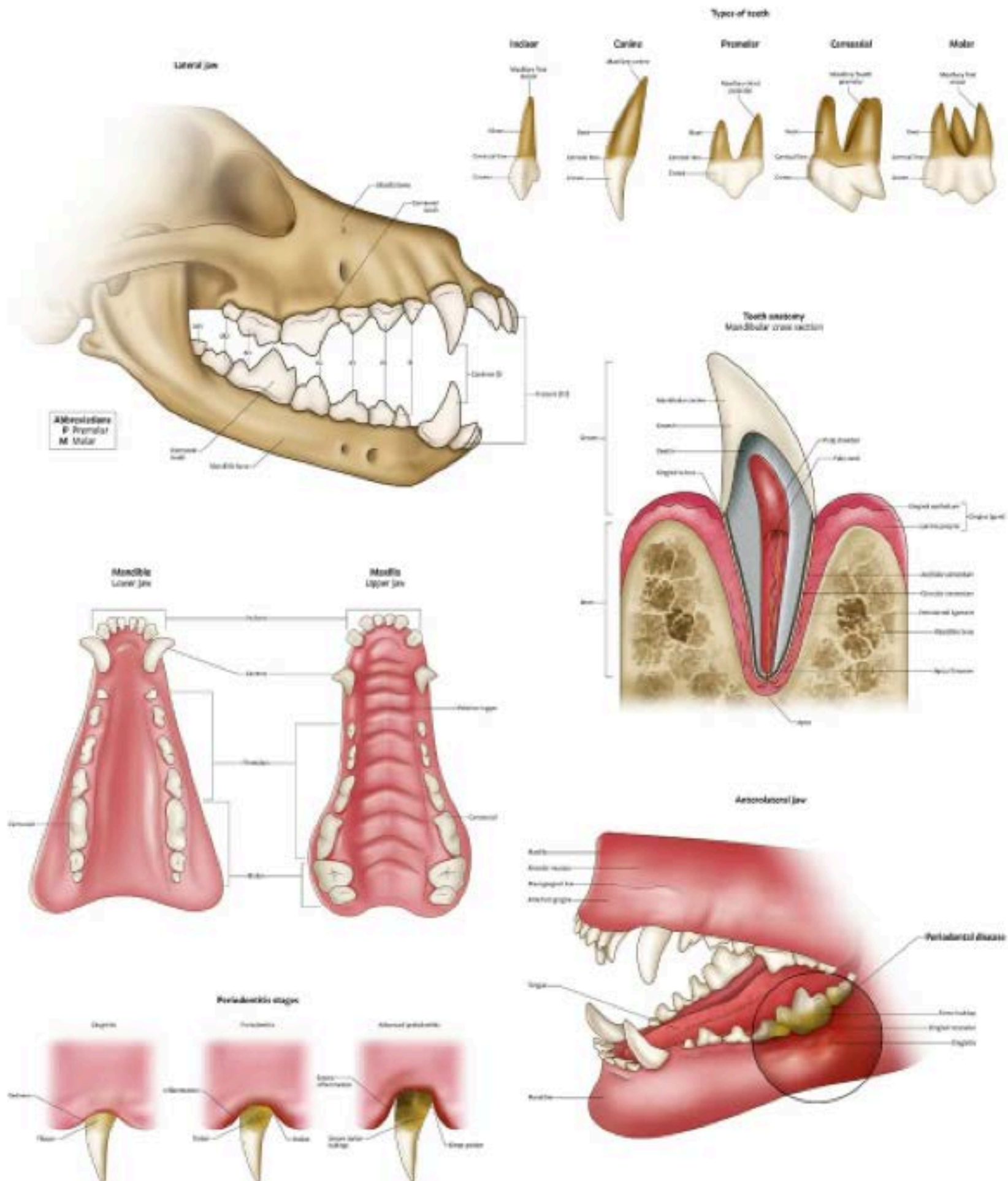


Our Services - Dental Care



Most pet owners do not think of their pets oral hygiene as a priority. If you do not brush your pets teeth they should be cleaned at least twice a year to help prevent Periodontal Disease which may lead to other serious health problems.

CANINE DENTAL ANATOMY



Daily tooth brushing is the gold standard For at-home care



- Plaque is the major contributor to periodontal disease
- Plaque starts to form on teeth within 20 minutes, and tartar begins forming within 3 days
- Brushing a pet's teeth daily is the most effective way to *remove plaque and prevent tartar accumulation*

- A finger brush that can help get the patient used to the process
- A compact brush designed with cats in mind

Enzymatic toothpaste formulated for dogs and cats

C.E.T. AQUADENT® FR3SH® Dental Solution for Dogs and Cats



- Uses a natural sweetener, a natural antioxidant, and a natural prebiotic to cleanse, freshen and balance
- A zero-flavor, daily dental solution that controls plaque
 - Support healthy teeth and gums
 - Maintain fresh breath
- Is proven not to affect water consumption

C.E.T.® VEGGIEDENT® FR3SH® Tartar Control Chews for Dogs



- Work with the pet's natural chewing action to help clean teeth.
- Useful for cleaning the molars and pre-molars
- Targets bad breath and supports proper digestion
- Tartar control chews for dogs are part of a FR3SH® family of products.

- **FR3SH® Technology offers three-way performance:**
 - **Cleanse** – Addresses oral causes of bad breath
 - **Freshen** – Innovative breath-freshening effect
 - **Balance** – Includes a prebiotic to promote healthy gut flora

C.E.T.® IntelliDent™ Cat Bites



3-in-1 dental support in just three healthy bites per day, benefiting:

- Breath
- Teeth
- Gums
- For all cats, no matter their size.
- Less than eight total calories per day

Our Services - Skin & Allergy

Skin conditions and allergies are among the most common reasons furry family members visit us.

We diagnose and treat environmental allergies, food allergies, and flea allergy dermatitis with comprehensive care including allergy testing, elimination diets, and immunotherapy.



Our treatment options include medicated baths, prescription medications & foods, allergy testing, injections, and ongoing management plans tailored to your pet's specific needs.



Our Services - Wellness Care



A LIFETIME OF FELINE WELLNESS AT WWVC

Pet Name _____

8-9 Weeks _____

- ∞ Comprehensive physical exam
- ∞ Weight/Body Condition Scoring
- ∞ FVRCP vaccine (9 weeks)
- ∞ Intestinal parasite screening
- ∞ De-worming for intestinal parasites
- ∞ *Heartworm/Fleas-Tick prevention

12 Weeks _____



- ∞ Comprehensive physical exam
- ∞ Weight/Body Condition Scoring
- ∞ FVRCP vaccine
- ∞ FeLV/FIV test
- ∞ FeLV vaccine for at-risk cats
- ∞ De-worming medication
- ∞ Nutritional assessment
- ∞ Behavior problems/concerns
- ∞ *Heartworm/Fleas-Tick prevention

16 Weeks _____

- ∞ Comprehensive physical exam
- ∞ Weight/Body Condition Scoring
- ∞ Nutritional assessment
- ∞ FVRCP and Rabies vaccine
- ∞ FeLV vaccine for at-risk cats
- ∞ Intestinal parasite screening
- ∞ De-worming for intestinal parasites
- ∞ *Heartworm/Fleas-Tick prevention

4-6 Months _____

- ∞ Spay or Neuter
- ∞ Pre-anesthetic Blood work
- ∞ Microchip Placed
- ∞ Evaluate Dental Development

75-85% of pets over the ages of 3 have dental disease! Dogs and cats are not supposed to have bad breath. They have bad breath because they do not brush their teeth. Brushing your pet's teeth is beneficial for both your pet and your pocketbook. Advanced dental disease can be costly, not to mention painful to your pet. If you are unable to brush your pet's teeth daily, consider having a dental cleaning performed on your pet on a regular basis.

"Senior at Seven"

Pets don't age the way people do—they age much faster. Most pets are considered seniors at seven years of age. Be sure to visit your veterinarian regularly.

This chart may be adjusted based on age of kitten at first visit.
*Preventative is available and effective in reducing internal parasites. It should be given every month, year round.



Please remember that this is a wellness schedule and, if your pet ever becomes ill, additional tests and diagnostics will be necessary.

1-4 Years _____

- ∞ Comprehensive physical exam
- ∞ Weight/Body Condition Scoring
- ∞ Nutritional & Dental assessment
- ∞ Internal parasite screening
- ∞ FVRCP & Rabies vaccine
- ∞ FeLV/FIV/FIP Test for at risk cats
- ∞ Baseline bloodwork evaluation

5-20 Years _____

- ∞ Bi-annual physical exam
- ∞ Weight/Body Condition Scoring
- ∞ Internal parasite screening
- ∞ FVRCP & Rabies vaccine
- ∞ FeLV/FIV Test
- ∞ FeLV vaccine for at-risk cats
- ∞ Dental cleanings annually
- ∞ Screening bloodwork annually
- ∞ Urine analysis
- ∞ Thyroid check

Optional Senior Wellness Tests

- ∞ EKG
- ∞ Blood Pressure
- ∞ Eye Pressure
- ∞ Abdominal Radiographs
- ∞ Thoracic (chest) Radiographs



Cat Wellness Care



Annual wellness exams



Dental health & cleanings



Parasite prevention & control



Bloodwork & urinalysis screening

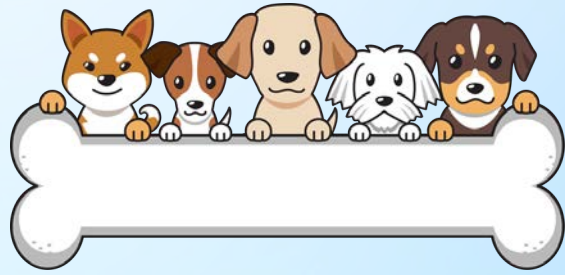


Weight & nutrition counseling

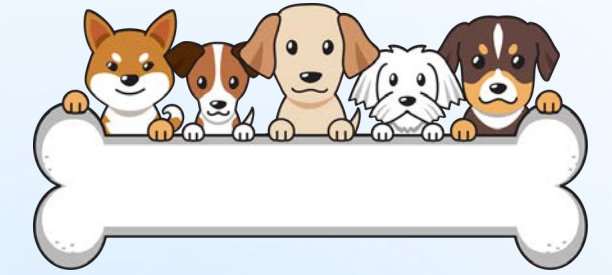


Microchip identification





Our Services - Wellness Care



Puppy

- Exams and growth checks
- DA2PP, Bordetella, Leptospirosis, Rabies
- Parasite screening
- Heartworm/flea/tick prevention
- Spay/neuter planning
- Microchip
- Dental development
- Behavior guidance



Adult

- Annual wellness exams
- Vaccine review / titers
- 4DX or heartworm testing
- Fecal screening as needed
- Dental care
- Weight and body condition
- Nutrition and lifestyle guidance
- Skin, ears, mobility, behavior



Senior

- More frequent exams
- Bloodwork and urinalysis
- Dental disease screening
- Arthritis and pain assessment
- Cancer awareness
- Mobility and quality-of-life support
- Early detection of change



A LIFETIME OF CANINE WELLNESS AT WWVC

Pet Name _____

6-9 Weeks _____

- ∞ Comprehensive Physical Exam
- ∞ Weight/Body Condition Scoring
- ∞ DA2PP Combo vaccine
- ∞ Intestinal Parasite Screening
- ∞ De-worming for intestinal parasites
- ∞ Heartworm*/Flea-Tick prevention

10-12 Weeks _____

- ∞ Comprehensive Physical Exam
- ∞ Weight/Body Condition Scoring
- ∞ Bordetella (Kennel Cough) Vaccine
- ∞ Leptospirosis Vaccine
- ∞ Influenza & Lyme Vaccine
- ∞ DA2PP Combo Booster
- ∞ Intestinal Parasite Screening
- ∞ De-worming
- ∞ Heartworm*/Flea-Tick prevention

13-16 Weeks _____

- ∞ Comprehensive Physical Exam
- ∞ Weight/Body Condition Scoring
- ∞ Rabies Vaccine
- ∞ DA2PP Combo Booster
- ∞ Leptospirosis Booster
- ∞ Influenza Booster
- ∞ Intestinal Parasite Screening
- ∞ De-worming medication
- ∞ Heartworm*/Flea-Tick prevention

*Continue heartworm, flea and tick prevention every month, year round.

4-6 Months _____

- ∞ Spay or Neuter
- ∞ Pre-anesthetic bloodwork
- ∞ Microchip Placed
- ∞ Evaluate Dental Development

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1-4 Years _____

- ∞ Comprehensive Physical Exam
- ∞ Weight/Body Condition Scoring
- ∞ Nutritional & Dental Assessment
- ∞ Intestinal Parasite Screening
- ∞ Rabies vaccine
- ∞ Distemper Titer/DA2PP Vaccine
- ∞ Bordetella (Kennel Cough) Vaccine
- ∞ Leptospirosis Vaccine
- ∞ Influenza & Lyme Vaccine
- ∞ Heartworm 4DX Test
- ∞ Baseline Bloodwork Evaluation

5-20 Years _____

- ∞ Comprehensive Physical Exam
- ∞ Weight/Body Condition Scoring
- ∞ Nutritional assessment
- ∞ Intestinal Parasite Screening
- ∞ Rabies Vaccine
- ∞ Distemper Titer/DA2PP Vaccine
- ∞ Bordetella (Kennel Cough) Vaccine
- ∞ Leptospirosis Vaccine
- ∞ Influenza & Lyme Vaccine
- ∞ Dental cleanings annually
- ∞ Heartworm 4DX Test
- ∞ Screening Bloodwork Annually



FIV & FELV

Two Serious Viruses That Can Impact Your Cat's Health

Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV) and Feline Leukemia Virus (FeLV) are common in cats and can lead to serious health problems. The good news? You can take steps to protect your cat.



FIV

(Feline Immunodeficiency Virus)

Affects the immune system and can lead to secondary infections, cancers, and other serious illnesses.



FeLV

(Feline Leukemia Virus)

Affects the bone marrow and immune system and can cause cancers, anemia, and other life-threatening diseases.

HOW FIV & FELV ARE SPREAD



Fighting

Bite wounds are the most common way FIV and FeLV are transmitted.



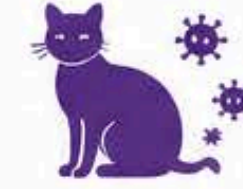
Saliva Contact

Virus is spread through deep bite wounds and saliva.



Multiple Cats

The more cats interact, the higher the risk of exposure.



Peaceful Cats Can Be Affected

Even friendly cats can be exposed without fighting.



Kittens at Risk

Kittens born to FeLV-positive cats can be infected.



PROTECT YOUR CAT



Keep Cats Indoors

Indoor cats have the lowest risk of exposure.



Vaccinate

FeLV vaccines are safe and effective. (FIV vaccines are not available.)



Test Regularly

Routine testing can detect FIV and FeLV early.



Prompt Veterinary Care

Early detection and care can improve quality of life.



Prevention is the best protection.

Talk to your veterinarian about testing and vaccination to keep your cat healthy and safe.

HEARTWORM DISEASE IN DOGS



HIGH PREVALENCE IN GEORGIA

Georgia is one of the highest risk states for heartworm disease year-round.



Heartworm disease is a serious and potentially fatal disease caused by parasites transmitted through mosquito bites.

HOW HEARTWORM IS TRANSMITTED



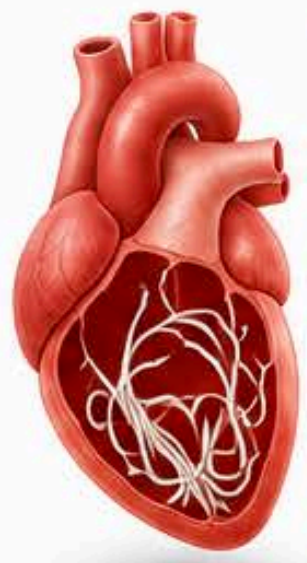
A mosquito bites an infected animal and picks up heartworm larvae.

The mosquito bites your dog and transmits the larvae.

Larvae mature into adult worms in the heart and blood vessels.

It only takes **ONE** mosquito bite to infect your dog.

THE DANGERS



- ⚠ Damages the heart, lungs, and blood vessels
- ⚠ Causes coughing, fatigue, and difficulty breathing
- ⚠ Can lead to heart failure, organ damage, and sudden death
- ⚠ Expensive and risky to treat

SIGNS TO WATCH FOR



Coughing



Fatigue (tire easily)



Difficulty breathing



Decreased appetite & weight loss

Signs may be mild at first but can become severe over time.

PROTECT YOUR DOG



Give year-round heartworm preventive—every month, all year.



Keep up with doses—missing even one month puts your dog at risk.



Test annually for heartworm as recommended by your veterinarian.



Keep dogs indoors at dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active.



PREVENTION IS SAFE, SIMPLE & SAVES LIVES.

Monthly prevention is far less expensive and much safer than treating heartworm disease.



PROTECT YOUR BEST FRIEND.

Talk to your veterinarian about heartworm prevention today.

Our Services - Parasite Prevention



PARASITES IN DOGS & CATS in the Southeast



Warm, humid weather in the Southeast creates the perfect environment for parasites that can harm your pets and even your family.

COMMON PARASITES & THE RISKS



HOOKWORMS
Attach to the intestine and feed on blood. Can cause anemia, bloody stool, and weight loss.



ROUNDWORMS
Common in puppies and kittens. Can cause vomiting, diarrhea, pot-bellied appearance, and poor growth.



TAPEWORMS
Found in stool or around the pet's rear. Usually spread by fleas.



FLEAS
Cause itching, skin irritation, and allergic reactions. Can transmit tapeworms.



TICKS
Carry serious diseases like Lyme disease, ehrlichiosis, and anaplasmosis.



HEARTWORMS
Transmitted by mosquitoes. Can cause heart, lung, and organ damage. Can be fatal if untreated.



WHIPWORMS
Live in the large intestine. Can cause chronic diarrhea, weight loss, and dehydration.

PROTECT YOUR PET: PREVENTION MATTERS

CATS
MONTHLY PREVENTION
Revolution Plus

DOGS

PREVENTION OPTIONS

- Credelio Quattro
- Advantage Multi
- ProHeart® Injection Every 6-12 months
- Interceptor Plus
- Credelio
- Bravecto® Every 12 weeks

- Keep your home clean and tidy
- Keep grass trimmed
- Check pets regularly
- Clean up pet waste promptly
- Prevent mosquito bites

A HEALTHY PET IS A HAPPY PET!



Our Services - Puppies & Kittens



- Caring for puppies and kittens early is vital for their health & happiness
- They need a loving home, proper nutrition & regular vet visits to thrive
- Early socialization helps reduce anxiety & behavioral issues
- Vaccinations and preventive care build a strong immune system
- Early training fosters good habits and strengthens bonds
- Focusing on early care enhances their lives & creates a rewarding relationship with pets



EARLY CARE MATTERS



Why Puppy & Kitten Care Sets Them Up for a Healthy Life



BUILDING A STRONG FOUNDATION

Growth Checks

Monitor healthy development at each stage. Early detection of problems makes a huge difference.

Vaccinations

Core vaccines protect against dangerous, potentially fatal diseases. Puppies & kittens need multiple boosters.

Parasite Prevention

Starting young protects against hookworms, roundworms, and fleas before they cause health problems.



SHAPE LIFELONG HABITS

Dental Care

Start dental awareness early. Regular brushing & cleanings prevent disease that can damage organs later in life.

Nutrition Foundation

Puppies & kittens have different nutritional needs than adults. Proper diet sets them up for optimal health & growth.

Handling & Trust

Positive vet visits now mean less anxiety & better cooperation throughout their life.



PREVENT FUTURE PROBLEMS

Spay/Neuter Planning

Early discussion about timing & benefits reduces risk of reproductive cancers & unwanted behaviors.

Microchipping

ID while they're young means a lost pet can be returned home safely, even without a collar.

Behavior Guidance

Early training & socialization prevent behavioral issues that are hard to reverse later.



Caring for Our Aging Companions: What Senior Dogs Need Most

by Charlie Richardson

As our dogs grow older, their needs begin to change. Even if we still see that spunky, active, and happy demeanor that we love, sometimes things change in small ways that are easy to miss. As a veterinary surgical technician, I've had the privilege of caring for dogs at every stage of life, and senior pets hold a special place in my heart.

A dog is typically considered "senior" around 7-10 years old, depending on breed and size. While getting older is a normal part of life, for dogs, it often comes with physical and behavioral changes that require a little extra attention from their owners.

One of the most common concerns we see in senior dogs is chronic pain, especially from arthritis. Dogs are very tough and hide their discomfort very well. Of course, we may notice an obvious limp or a cry out from a sudden injury and understand that our dog is uncomfortable, but ongoing pain is not always that obvious.

As humans, we can use our voices to say "Ouch this hurts", but for dogs they may be stoic and only show subtle signs, such as:

- -Slowing down on walks
- -Hesitate to jump
- -Sleeping more
- -Less interest in activities they once loved

**These small changes are often the first signs that something isn't quite right. The key is to be aware and address these issues early, so we can possibly stop or slow them before they have a chance to worsen.*

Routine veterinary care becomes even more important during this stage of life. Regular exams allow your vet to get an overall check on your senior dog, and work out a good plan to stay on top of health issues. They also can prescribe or recommend medications that can benefit your pet or keep them comfortable.

Bloodwork is a great overall check to catch problems early (such as kidney disease, heart conditions, or infections) before they become serious, as well as giving us a good baseline to watch for any changes as they get older.

-Routine dental care can also help prevent discomfort & improve quality of life.

Proper diet is also a very important thing in your older pet's life. Senior dogs may benefit from diets that:

- -Help joints (like ones that include Glucosamine and Chondroitin)
- -Help control weight- Maintaining a healthy weight is especially important, as excess weight can add to joint problems and both will fight against each other; as limited mobility will work against losing weight.
- -Help benefit specific medical conditions

From a surgical perspective, many people are surprised to learn that senior dogs can still safely undergo procedures when needed. Age is not a disease. We just tend to get more problems as we age. With pre-surgical screenings and advanced monitoring techniques we see older dogs do very well under anesthesia.

We want our loyal pets to be a part of our life as long as we can. They give us so much in life, and they deserve for us to return the favor - especially as they age. Sometimes life gets busy, that is why us dog owners must keep up with preventative care and remember to watch for any of these changes.

On a side note, tons of senior dogs are unfortunately relinquished, abandoned or found running at large every day and end up in overpopulated shelters. Please, if able, look into adopting or even fostering a senior dog from your local animal shelter/rescue to give them a loving home to live out the rest of their days happily and comfortably.

We know we can't stop time from moving into the future, but we can always do our best to keep our loving dogs as comfortable as we can and for as long as we can.

Dogs are truly amazing!

Our Services - Senior Pets / Geriatrics

Caring for Your Senior Dog

SPECIAL NEEDS & ENHANCED CARE FOR GERIATRIC PATIENTS



As dogs age, their needs change.

With proactive care, regular monitoring, and a little extra love, senior dogs can enjoy a **happy, comfortable, and fulfilling life.**



MORE FREQUENT CARE = BETTER YEARS

Twice-yearly wellness exams, screening, and lifestyle adjustments help us catch problems early and keep your senior dog feeling their best.



MONITOR & DETECT



Twice-Yearly Exams
Catch changes early.



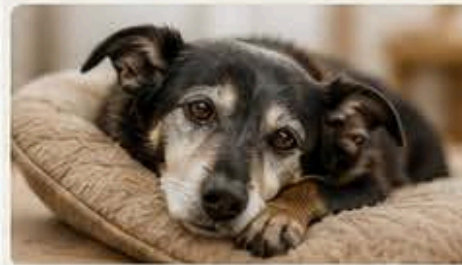
Bloodwork & Urinalysis
Detect kidney, thyroid, diabetes, and other silent conditions.



Imaging When Needed
Helps assess joints, heart, and other age-related concerns.



MANAGE PAIN



Arthritis Relief
Medications, supplements, and therapy improve mobility and comfort.



Chronic Pain Control
Prescription pain medications help seniors stay active and enjoy life.



Quality of Life
Managing pain supports appetite, movement, and happiness.



NOURISH & SUPPORT



Senior Diets
Support kidney health, joints, and cognitive function.



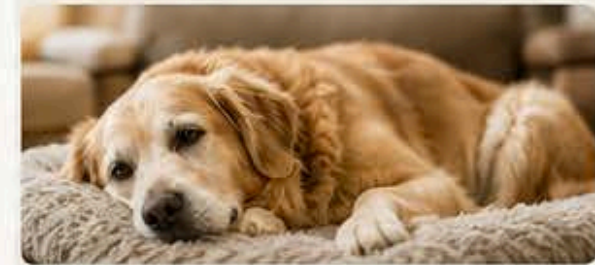
Supplements
Omega-3s, glucosamine, and cognitive support help seniors thrive.



Easy Eating
Wet food or softened kibble helps with dental disease or reduced appetite.



COMFORT & LIFESTYLE



Home Adjustments
Ramps, soft bedding, elevated bowls, and easy access reduce strain.



Gentle Exercise
Short walks and low-impact activity maintain muscle and mental engagement.



End-of-Life Planning
We discuss quality of life and options for a peaceful, dignified transition.



COMMON GERIATRIC CONDITIONS WE MONITOR & MANAGE



Arthritis & Joint Disease



Kidney & Thyroid Disease



Heart Conditions



Diabetes



Dental Disease



Vision & Hearing Loss



Cognitive Decline (Dementia)



Incontinence



Lumps, Bumps & Cancer Awareness



Digestive Issues



Weight Changes



Your senior dog's golden years can be comfortable, joyful, and full of life.





Our Services - Behavior



Behavior Management Matters



Understanding & Supporting Your Pet's Emotional Well-Being



Behavior Counseling & Training

Professional Guidance

We discuss triggers, identify patterns, and create a realistic plan for your home.

Practical Training Tips

Proven techniques you can use every day to reinforce good behavior.

Positive Reinforcement

Reward-based methods that build trust and create lasting change.

Medications & Supplements

Anxiety Relief

Prescribed medications can help reduce fear and anxiety while training takes effect.

Calming Supplements

Natural options like L-theanine, CBD, and pheromone products support emotional balance.

Medical Screening

We rule out pain, illness, or thyroid issues that may drive behavior problems.

Diet & Environmental Management

Nutritional Support

High-quality diets with balanced nutrients support brain health and emotional stability.

Environmental Design

Safe spaces, appropriate enrichment, and routine reduce stress and problem behaviors.

Lifestyle Optimization

Exercise, mental stimulation, and routine help manage impulse and anxiety.

A well-adjusted pet is happier, healthier, and a joy to live with

Behavioral problems are one of the most common reasons pets are surrendered to shelters – but many are preventable and treatable.

Anxiety, destructive behavior, aggression inappropriate elimination often signal underlying stress, fear, or medical issues.

We work to identify the root cause and create a plan tailored to your pet's needs.

SCHEDULE A BEHAVIOR CONSULTATION

If your pet struggles with anxiety, aggression, fear, destructive behavior, or any other behavioral concern, we're here to help.

Our team will work with you to create a customized behavior plan that addresses your pet's unique needs.

Early intervention often leads to faster, more successful results.

♥ *A well-managed pet is a confident, healthy, and happy pet.* ♥



Behavior Starts With Socialization

By Charlie Richardson



From the time our lovable pups are born, they're sensing the world around them & learning to adapt just like we are. It is important that we steer them in the right direction and set rules and boundaries to help keep them safe in all situations so we can keep them around as long as we can. We also want to make sure that the dog fits our lifestyle.

A huge part of keeping this human/animal bond begins with socializing them as much as we can and making it a happy positive experience. All dogs work at different speeds of getting used to new things but here are some ways we can help socialize our pets:

Go for DAILY walks

A walk with your dog is a huge bonding experience and also works as a great training session.

*** Remember to communicate with others on walks-just because your pet is friendly with others, does not mean that others you may come in contact are also friendly.**

Group training classes

A controlled environment to introduce them to proper obedience, proper commands, distractions and other animals.

Keep up with Annual Veterinary Visits

Not only to keep your pet healthy with preventive care, but it also gets your dog used to handling/being touched and routine visits help prevent fears of going to the vet. ***Be sure your dog is fully vaccinated prior to bringing around other pets.***

Doggy Daycare

Helps with multiple forms of socialization - dogs get proper play with a variety of other dogs and it also allows them to see and get used to new people. It also helps burn off our dog's pent up energy-

A WELL EXERCISED DOG IS A WELL-BEHAVED DOG

Daycare has its benefits to us as pet owners too - it helps keep our dog busy while we are at work or on vacation!

Take them to the (pet) store

A lot of stores that allow dogs inside add benefits to help stimulate them and most employees will greet them with a happy experience and maybe even a treat.

Introduce them to various people/children/pets

Visit with friends/family so that your dog can see people and pets in all forms. The more they see something the more they have a chance to get used to it.

***Remember to keep these experiences positive and always go at your dog's pace to keep things safe for your pet and everyone around you.**

Quick Tips For Training

Following the "STREAM" model when training your dog can help you remember some key things that should always be involved when working with your dog.

Socialization

As we mentioned above this should be a large part of your dog's life.

Timing

When we praise/reward our dog- timing is everything-let them know when they have done something good. Be sure to reward them within a few seconds of doing the wanted behavior.

Avoid constant/too much praise so we are not praising bad/unwanted behavior without realizing it.

Repetition

Repetition builds habit- things will need to happen frequently to be learned. Keeping your dog on a good routine is beneficial and helps them follow rules.

Energy

Dogs tend to react to energy-unwanted behaviors tend to happen when there is a lot going on.

Work to teach your dog to be calm - a well-exercised dog is a well-behaved dog.

Give your dog a job to do to burn off that energy.

Also be sure to choose a dog breed/energy level that fits your lifestyle

(ex: A high energy Border Collie that needs a job to do may not work well in a townhome or studio apartment with minimal exercise).

Always lead

Remember that you are always in charge. You must set the rules and boundaries to ensure safety to your dog and everyone around you. Dogs don't always understand what is best so we must lead them to what is right and wrong so we can coexist well together as we love our dogs as family.

Motivation






Make sure when working on training you are able to find a good form of motivation for your dog so they have a reason to want to do what we need them to. Some examples may include: treats, a favorite toy or even just lots of petting/belly rubs to praise a job well done!



Dog & Cat



Age to Human Years

 Pet Age (Years)	 Cat Human Age	 Small Dog Human Age	 Medium Dog Human Age	 Large Dog Human Age
1	15	15	15	15
2	24	24	24	24
3	28	28	28	28
4	32	32	32	32
5	36	36	36	36
6	40	40	42	45
7	44	44	47	50
8	48	48	51	55
9	52	52	56	61
10	56	56	60	66
11	60	60	65	72
12	64	64	69	77
13	68	68	74	82
14	72	72	78	88
15	76	76	83	93
16	80	80	87	99

 Dog ages are approximate and vary by size and breed.



Small dogs: under 20 lb



Medium dogs: 20–50 lb



Large dogs: over 50 lb



BODY CONDITION SCORE

A guide to help you understand your pet's body condition.



Regularly assessing your pet's body condition can help you provide the best care for a long, healthy life.



When in doubt, ask your veterinarian.

	1	2	3	4	5
	VERY THIN	UNDERWEIGHT	IDEAL	OVERWEIGHT	OBESE
	20%+ below ideal body weight	10–20% below ideal body weight	Ideal body weight	10–20% above ideal body weight	20%+ above ideal body weight
<p>DOGS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ribs, spine and hip bones are easily seen • No body fat • Obvious loss of muscle mass 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ribs, spine and hip bones are easily felt • Very little body fat • Loss of muscle mass 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ribs easily felt, but not seen • Visible waist behind ribs • Abdominal tuck when viewed from side 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ribs difficult to feel under fat • Minimal waist • No abdominal tuck 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ribs, spine and hip bones cannot be felt • No waist • No abdominal tuck • Fat deposits on chest and neck
	<p>CATS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ribs, spine and hip bones are easily seen • No body fat • Obvious loss of muscle mass 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ribs, spine and hip bones are easily felt • Very little body fat • Loss of muscle mass 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ribs easily felt, but not seen • Visible waist behind ribs • Abdominal tuck when viewed from side 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ribs difficult to feel under fat • Minimal waist • No abdominal tuck



Body condition score is a visual and hands-on assessment of your pet's body fat and muscle. It is an important tool to help identify if your pet is underweight, at an ideal weight, or overweight.

A healthy weight today can lead to a healthier and happier life tomorrow.





EMERGENCY SIGNALS FOR DOGS & CATS

When to Call Your Veterinarian



WHEN IN DOUBT, CALL.
Quick action can save your pet's life.



Walton Way
veterinary clinic

706-733-2288



DOGS



TROUBLE BREATHING

Excessive panting, difficulty breathing, or open-mouth breathing.



PERSISTENT VOMITING OR DIARRHEA

Especially if bloody or lasting more than 24 hours.



SEVERE PAIN

Whining, restlessness, stiffness, or reluctance to move.



INJURIES OR BLEEDING

Any deep wounds, bleeding that won't stop, or suspected fractures.



COLLAPSE, SEIZURES, OR UNCONSCIOUSNESS

Sudden collapse, seizures, disorientation, or unresponsiveness.



FEVER

High body temperature, lethargy, or shivering.



Seek veterinary care immediately.



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CATS



TROUBLE BREATHING

Rapid breathing, open-mouth breathing, or labored breathing.



PERSISTENT VOMITING

Vomiting more than once or any vomiting with blood.



NOT URINATING

Straining to urinate, crying in the litter box, or no urination at all.



LETHARGY OR HIDING

Extreme weakness, hiding more than usual, or not acting like themselves.



LOSS OF APPETITE

Not eating or drinking for more than 24 hours.



SEIZURES OR COLLAPSE

Seizures, wobbliness, or sudden collapse.



Seek veterinary care immediately.



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EMERGENCIES CAN HAPPEN ANYTIME.

If your pet shows any of these signs, don't wait—call your veterinarian or the nearest emergency clinic right away.



SAVE THIS. SHARE THIS.

Keep this information handy—it could make all the difference.



CLIENT EMERGENCY REFERENCE

Emergency & Specialty Veterinary Care

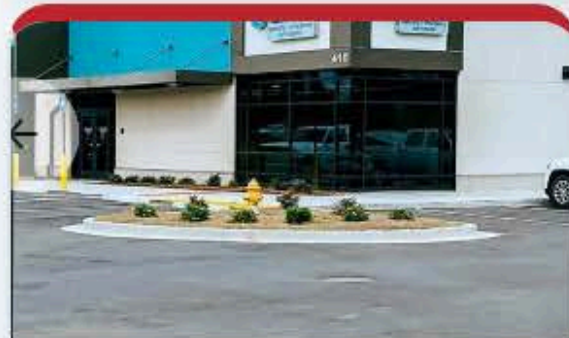
Regional referral options for urgent, emergency, critical care, and specialty cases. Call ahead whenever possible so the hospital can prepare for arrival.



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When in doubt, call.

Breathing trouble, collapse, seizures, toxin exposure, major trauma, uncontrolled bleeding, urinary blockage signs, bloat, or severe pain should be treated as emergencies.



ER + SPECIALTY Augusta, GA

BluePearl Pet Hospital

PHONE
706-733-7458

HOURS
Emergency hours vary by day - call ahead. Specialty Tue-Fri by appointment.

ADDRESS
410 Topgolf Way, Augusta, GA 30909

WEBSITE
bluepearlvet.com/hospital/augusta-ga

Emergency, internal medicine, surgery, oncology, cardiology, specialty referral



ER + SPECIALTY Columbia, SC

SCVSEC

PHONE
803-561-0015

HOURS
Emergency care: 24/7. Specialty services by appointment.

ADDRESS
3924 Fernandina Rd, Columbia, SC 29210

WEBSITE
scvsec.com

Emergency, critical care, internal medicine, surgery, oncology, cardiology, rehab



ER + SPECIALTY Columbia, SC

CVETS

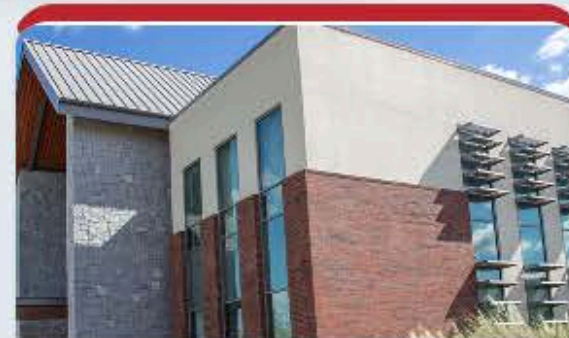
PHONE
803-995-8913

HOURS
Emergency & specialty: 24/7. Urgent care location open until 10 PM daily.

ADDRESS
1321 Oakcrest Dr, Columbia, SC 29223

WEBSITE
cvets.net

Emergency, trauma, surgery, neurology, oncology, cardiology, radiology, rehab



ER + TEACHING HOSPITAL Athens, GA

UGA Veterinary Teaching Hospital

PHONE
706-542-3221

HOURS
Small animal emergency service typically open 24/7, 365 days. Call ahead.

ADDRESS
2200 College Station Rd, Athens, GA 30602

WEBSITE
vet.uga.edu

Emergency, ICU, advanced diagnostics, surgery, internal medicine, neurology, oncology



URGENT CARE Aiken, SC

PriorityPet Urgent Care

PHONE
803-335-0491

HOURS
Open daily 12 PM - 10 PM, including major holidays.

ADDRESS
2934 Whiskey Rd, Aiken, SC 29803

WEBSITE
prioritypetaiken.com

Urgent non-life-threatening illness/injury, diagnostics, minor wounds, vomiting, limping

Go now / call immediately for:

- Trouble breathing
- Collapse or seizures
- Toxin ingestion
- Uncontrolled bleeding
- Severe pain
- Bloated abdomen
- Cannot urinate
- Major trauma

Urgent care vs. emergency

EMERGENCY HOSPITALS are best for life-threatening cases, ICU care, overnight monitoring, and specialty referral. **URGENT CARE** is for non-life-threatening issues when your regular vet is unavailable.



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Before You Go

A quick client care summary for keeping
pets healthy, comfortable, and safe.

Thank You

for trusting us
with your beloved pets.



ROUTINE WELLNESS

- Annual exams help detect disease earlier and keep pets healthier long-term.
- Keep vaccines, parasite prevention, dental care, and lab screening current.
- Behavior, appetite, skin, breathing, or mobility changes deserve attention.



PREVENTION MATTERS

- Year-round heartworm, flea, tick, and intestinal parasite prevention is important in the Southeast.
- Use veterinary-approved preventives matched to your pet's species and weight.
- Missed doses may leave pets vulnerable — call us before stopping any prevention.



WHEN TO CALL QUICKLY

- Trouble breathing, collapse, toxin exposure, severe pain, or seizures are emergencies.
- Repeated vomiting/diarrhea, bloated abdomen, or urinary blockage signs should not wait.
- If something feels significantly wrong, trust your instincts and call us.



MEDICATION SAFETY

- Give medications exactly as directed unless advised otherwise by your veterinarian.
- Never give human pain relievers or leftover medications without guidance.
- Store medications, foods, and toxins securely away from pets.



AT-HOME MONITORING

- Track appetite, drinking, urination, stool, coughing, vomiting, and activity.
- Photos and short videos can help us evaluate concerning symptoms.
- Subtle changes are often easier to address when caught early.



EMERGENCY REFERENCE

- For after-hours emergencies or specialty care, use the emergency reference pages in this brochure.
- Call ahead whenever possible so the hospital can prepare for arrival.
- Bring medications, records, and any packaging if relevant.



Compassion is at the heart of everything we do.

We're honored to care for your pet — thank you for being part of the
Walton Way Veterinary Clinic family.



Questions are always
better early than late.
If something feels off,
please call us — we're here to help.

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