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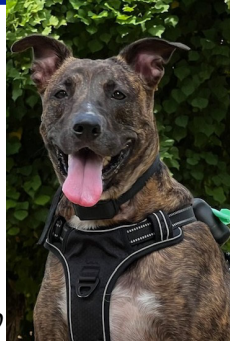
Happy New Year!!

To all of our furry friends and family we wish you the best this coming year.

May the new year bring you happiness and joy! Keep reading our newsletters to find out what is up and coming this year.

Deal of the month

For January get 10% off of the retail (Toys, treats, candles, collars/leashes, shampoo, etc) area in the lobby.



Ask Malaa!

Why do you feel the need to follow me to the restroom?

Hey! You follow me around with a little baggie!!

We are a pack and that includes anywhere, anytime. Or possibly

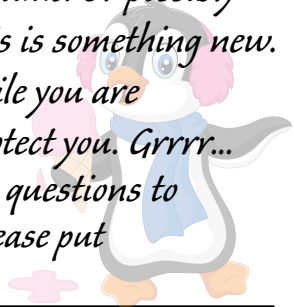
some anxiety is happening if this is something new.

You are also very vulnerable while you are indisposed and we can help protect you. Grrrrr...

Until next month! Keep sending questions to

[VALLEYAH@GMAIL.COM](mailto:VALLEYAH@GMAIL.COM) please put

NEWSLETTER in the title!



Ask the Vet

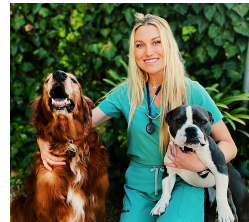
Question : Why is dental care so important for my pet?

1. Preventing Dental Disease
  - Dental cleanings remove plaque and tartar, which can lead to gingivitis and periodontal disease.
  - Untreated dental disease can cause pain, tooth loss, and serious infections.
2. Avoiding Systemic Health Issues
  - Bacteria from oral infections can enter the bloodstream, potentially affecting vital organs like the heart, liver, and kidneys.
3. Reducing Pain and Discomfort
  - Pets with dental problems may suffer silently. Regular cleanings prevent painful conditions like tooth fractures or abscesses.
4. Improving Quality of Life
  - Clean teeth make it easier for pets to eat, chew, and play.
  - Pets with healthy mouths are often happier and more active.
5. Preventing Bad Breath
  - Dental cleanings help eliminate halitosis caused by plaque, tartar, or oral infections.
6. Early Detection of Problems
  - During a cleaning, radiographs and a full comprehensive oral exam is performed to

observe early signs of issues like oral tumors, infections, or broken teeth, allowing for timely treatment.

7. Long-Term Cost Savings
  - Preventative dental care can reduce the need for more expensive treatments later, like extractions or surgery.

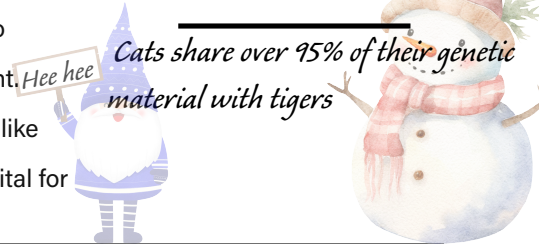
Regular dental cleanings, combined with at-home care like brushing and dental treats, are vital for keeping your pet healthy and happy.



Interesting pet facts

Basset hounds can't swim well, because of their body structure, and short legs

Sir Isaac Newton is credited with inventing the cat flap. He supposedly created a cat flap in a door to allow his feline companion to come and go freely without disturbing his work.



Cats share over 95% of their genetic material with tigers







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## Happy New Year!

Welcome to 2025. Can you even believe it? Another year has come and gone, and we here at VPH hope that your 2024 was smooth sailing. If not, well now is the time to make those resolutions and make 2025 the best year ever! Here we are in the midst of winter, in sunny Southern California, and although our days may be warm, those nights can be extra chilly as winter progresses. Some helpful tips for your furry loved ones will come in handy.

 Bring those babies inside. If it is too cold for you, it is too cold for them. Our pets are part of the family, so make sure when the thermostat dips, the furry family members sleep inside.

 If you are traveling to the local mountains to enjoy the snow, consider getting booties and a coat for your doggo. Their paws can easily be frostbitten if left to walk for extended periods on icy surfaces, and fur can only keep them warm for so long, especially for our shorthaired friends. Plus there is nothing cuter than a dog in a sweater!

 Cuddle up! Cuddling a pet has been proven to benefit a person's well being according to a study by University of British Columbia Okanagan. This study recommends that schools and workplaces consider canine-assisted intervention programs alongside other mental health and wellness programs to keep their humans happy. I agree with this wholeheartedly, I mean they are scientists after all. So let those babies on the couch and get cozy! 😊





### Pets of the month:

This month we have some extraordinary guests we want to highlight as our pets of themonth.

**CAT:** For our feisty feline the January Cat of the month is David. David is just the sweetest guy, who loves head scratches and loves to just lounge on the cat tree, purring and being extra handsome. Congratulations David, on being January's cat of the month!



### **FROZEN PEANUT BUTTER YOGURT DOG TREATS**

-  1 cup (258 g) creamy peanut butter, melted
-  32 ounces (907.19 ml) plain yogurt

Line two rimmed baking sheets with parchment paper. In a medium bowl, whisk together the melted peanut butter and yogurt until combined and smooth. Using a medium cookie scoop (or 2 tablespoonfuls), drop mounds of the mixture onto the prepared baking sheets. Place in the freezer until completely frozen, about 1 hour. Transfer the treats to a freezer-safe container or zip-top bag and store in the freezer for up to 2 months



**DOG:** This month we celebrate Rocko. Rocko is Valley Animal Hospital tech, Kamiah's baby boy. He is smart and sassy, and king of the play yard. We are always happy when Rocko comes to play! Congratulations Rocko, on being January's dog of the month!

### Deal of the month

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