



Spring 2017



NEW Extended Hours:

Monday – Friday:
8:00 am – 9:30 pm

Saturday & Sunday:
8:30 am – 3:00 pm

We have a new email!

Please use info@mcleodvet.com for any questions or concerns.

Loyalty Program

Introducing Vicinity

Vicinity is a loyalty program now available at McLeod Veterinary Hospital which rewards clients for their continued support. Earn 1 point per dollar spent and you could save money on your next service or purchase. Ask our staff how you can register today!



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Dental Cleaning from Start to Finish

Brushing teeth is not something your pet can do for themselves and isn't manageable for every pet. Regular dental cleanings and oral preventive care is important in managing periodontal disease and keeping your pet healthy.

Dental cleanings start with a visit to your veterinarian. A thorough examination will allow the veterinarian to determine the overall health of your pet and allow a general assessment of their oral care needs. It's impossible to clean a pet's mouth thoroughly without the use of general anesthetic. You will then be provided with an estimate for a dental cleaning.

The morning of your pet's dental cleaning a Veterinary Technologist will admit your pet into the hospital and walk you through the proceedings of the day. You will then be required to sign an authorization sheet for all services to be performed.

Your pet will have a brief exam prior to administering medication to prepare them for anesthesia. A veterinary technologist will check your pet's heart, lungs, hydration, color, and temperature. At this point, a sedative/pain relief injection will be given to your pet. This injection will help to calm them and allow lower doses of gas anesthesia to be used throughout the dental procedure. Once the sedation has taken effect, a blood sample is drawn to ensure that your pet's major organs are functioning well and that there are no health concerns prior to anesthesia.

Your pet will receive intravenous (IV) fluids throughout the anesthetic procedure. IV fluids help to maintain hydration, aid in maintaining adequate blood pressure, and provide an ideal route for administering medications. IV fluids are introduced just prior to inducing anesthesia and are removed upon recovery.

Your pet's heart rate, respiratory rate, blood pressure, and anesthetic depth will be continually monitored throughout the anesthetic process.

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Oral Preventative Care

Healthymouth, available in a concentrated water additive, is formulated to reduce plaque formation on teeth. Healthymouth products are the only products of their kind carrying the Veterinary Oral Health Council Seal of Acceptance meaning that they have successfully met the criteria proving effectiveness through rigorous testing. The concentrate contains no synthetic or artificial ingredients as well as no sugar, calories, fat, or sodium. Healthymouth is made from 100% human grade ingredients and is easily added to your pet's daily drinking water.

Healthymouth does NOT replace professional dental care, but should be used as a part of a daily oral care regimen. There are no products available on the market to treat established dental disease therefore healthymouth is most effectively used following a professional dental cleaning.

Please contact us or visit www.healthymouth.com for more information.



McLeod Veterinary Hospital Staff Members

Veterinarians

Dr. Robert Newfield
Dr. Alison Bowles
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Dr. Christie-Leigh Capper
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Meet Archibald

Archibald is currently up for adoption through Manitoba Mutts Dog Rescue. Visit www.manitobamutts.org for more details.

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Once anesthetized, your pet's oral cavity and all teeth will be examined and probed, and abnormalities will be noted on a dental chart. Each tooth will then be cleaned and polished on all surfaces and below the gum line. This process is not possible without the use of general anesthesia.

When abnormalities are found, x-rays are taken of the affected tooth/teeth to further investigate its appearance below the gum line. Sometimes a tooth may look healthy on the outside but x-rays may reveal extensive damage to the part of the tooth that lies beneath the gums. If x-rays reveal dental disease the tooth may be extracted.

When all the teeth have been cleaned and problems within the mouth have been addressed, your pet will be recovered from the anesthetic. It may take a few hours for your pet to be up and ready to move around. We allow our anesthetic patients to recover for several hours prior to sending them home.

When you return to pick up your pet following a dental cleaning, a veterinary technologist will take a few minutes to discuss aftercare instructions specific to your pet and their health requirements.

Oral care is a vital component to your pet's overall health. Your pet relies on you and your veterinarian to establish an oral preventive care regimen specific for their oral health needs. Regular professional dental cleanings and preventive care help your pet live a long, healthy life. Discuss your pet's oral health needs with the veterinary care team at McLeod Veterinary Hospital.

Coming Soon...

Introducing Hill's Prescription Diet Oral Care Chews! These revolutionary chews have been specially designed to act like a toothbrush and floss to help clean teeth and freshen breath. Hill's Oral Care Chews carry the VOHC seal of approval and have been clinically proven to reduce plaque and tartar build-up on your dog's teeth.

Hill's Oral Care Chews will be available at McLeod Veterinary Hospital this Spring!

Make Friends with Feliway



Introducing Feliway Friends, a synthetic pheromone which mimics the calming pheromones released by mother cats while nursing.

The natural purpose of this cat appeasing pheromone is to relax the kittens and help bond them to their mother.

Available in a convenient plug-in diffuser, Feliway Friends is a great addition to multi-cat households to reduce tension, aggression, and stress. Each diffuser covers a 750 square foot radius and starts working within 24 hours. For best results, your Feliway Friends diffuser should be plugged in where your cats spend most of their time.

Dental Facts

Did you know...?

- ❗ Most pets will have some degree of periodontal disease by the time they are 3 years old.
- ❗ Pets with severe periodontal disease are at risk of liver, kidney, and heart disease.
- ❗ Dental disease is one of the most commonly diagnosed health problems in pets.
- ❗ Up to 2/3 of each tooth is beneath the gum line and not visible without x-ray technology.
- ❗ "Bad breath" is often one of the first signs of dental disease noticed by pet owners.