

# THE GARRISON PRESS

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## Dental Month



Dental health is a very important part of your pet's overall health, and dental problems can cause, or be caused by, other health problems.

Your pet's teeth and gums should be checked at least once a year by your veterinarian for early signs of problems and to keep your pet's mouth healthy.

Visit your veterinarian if you notice any of the following:

- Bad Breath
- Broken or loose teeth
- Discolored teeth, or teeth covered in tartar
- Abnormal chewing, drooling, or dropping food from the mouth
- Reduced appetite or refusal to eat
- Pain in or around the mouth
- Bleeding or swelling from the mouth



You can learn more about Dental Disease Here

**We are offering new and Exsiting clients  
\$100 off Dentals for the month of February**

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The Garrison Press is a newsletter full of interesting articles, Veterinarian approved tips and tricks, and an inside peek at life here at Garrison Animal Hospital.



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## Beat the Heat

February is known as Spay/Neuter Awareness Month – or, “Beat the Heat” month. Choosing to spay or neuter your dog or cat has many benefits including keeping them healthier, better behaved, and preventing unplanned litters.

Fixing your dog reduces or eliminates the chance of your dog or cat developing a variety of life-threatening conditions including **pyometra**, some forms of **cancer**, and prostatic **hyperplasia**.

Dogs that have been spayed or neutered are less likely to escape your yard to roam for a mate. While these procedures will not impact their ability to learn or play, some dogs become less aggressive and territorial. Altering your pet also reduces stress on local animal shelters through preventing unplanned litters. It is estimated that there are as many as **6-8 million** animals entering US shelters each year.



By having your pet spayed or neutered, you will do your part to prevent the birth of unwanted animals. What's more, you could be setting your pet up for a longer life, as studies have repeatedly shown that spayed or neutered dogs and cats live longer, on average, than other dogs and cats.

[Learn more about Spaying/Neutering Here](#)



Jasper

Share a photo of your furry friend with us and be featured in our next newsletter!





## Cat Health

Often, cats are not brought in for visits unless there is something already happening. Cats are masters at hiding illness, so by the time us owners notice them being quiet or withdrawn, they may have been very sick for a while. Bringing them in for routine visits annually can catch illness early and keep kitty on the right track. **Even if they are indoor only.**

Cats are 100% carnivores. Dry food is mostly carbohydrates, and has very low moisture. If kitty has to have crunchies look for foods with mostly animal ingredients and no grains. Wet food is recommended, and will aid in hydration.



Most vets will highly recommend the FVRCP and Rabies vaccines. These diseases are highly infectious and seen worldwide. They are very dangerous to young cats, and the vaccines are considered to provide a good deal of protection with minimal risk.

**Indoor cats need protection too!**

One of the first places to look for early signs of illness is the litterbox. Look out for any changes in your cat's litter habits. If you notice anything out of the ordinary, make sure to schedule a visit with your vet as soon as possible.



## Show them some love

Show your furry friend some love by protecting them from Fleas and Heartworm! We are now carrying Revolt, a more affordable alternative compared to other prescription topical treatments.

[Facts and resources about Heartworm can be found here](#)

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