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IT'S TIME TO COME CLEAN

Does your pet's grooming include having its teeth thoroughly cleaned? It shouldn't. Dental cleanings should be done under general anesthesia by a veterinarian, who can thoroughly evaluate the health of the

teeth and gums. Such an exam can only be done under sedation. Thanks to this extensive examination, hard-to-detect dental problems are often discovered. When these teeth are repaired, it's not surprising to see the pet acting like it did as a puppy or kitten.

The disease taking place under the gum is severe periodontal disease. This is inflammation of the gums and bones that support the teeth. This periodontal disease often leads

to tooth loss. Periodontal disease affects nearly 80 percent of all dogs over the age of three, according to the American Veterinary Dental Society. To prevent your pet from becoming one of the statistics, adhere to a solid dental program.

HOME CARE

The gold standard of home care is tooth brushing. Once daily would

be ideal, but for most owners that's unrealistic. Probably more realistic is three times per week. Reports say that brushing three times per week reduces plaque 75 percent! But how do you teach your pet to have its teeth brushed? **START EARLY!** Apply pet toothpaste to your puppy/kitten's teeth with your finger, rubbing gently. Move from your finger

to a piece of gauze wrapped around your finger, progress to a soft pet/pediatric toothbrush or finger toothbrush. Give them a treat immediately after you finish working with them and make toothbrushing a big deal with praise.

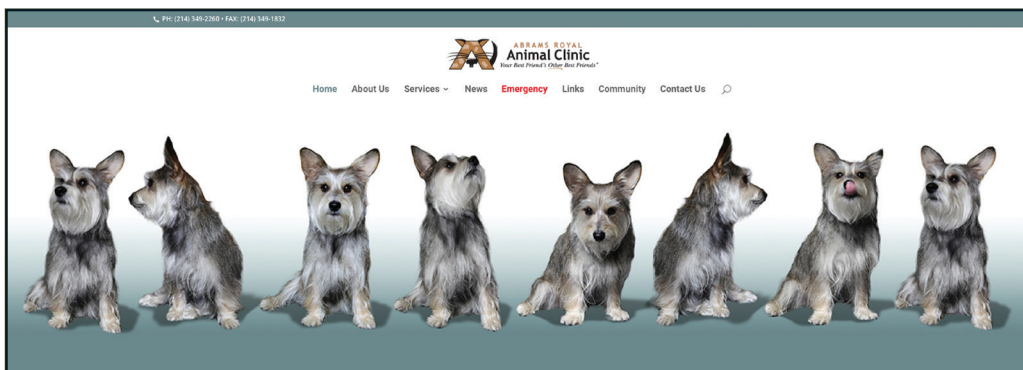
If you absolutely cannot brush, talk with the vet two to three times per year about dental problems.



ARAC'S DENTAL KEEPER TIPS:

- Keep your pet's tooth products in your bathroom so you remember to use them.
- Keep your pet's favorite treat with its dental things. Give them a treat immediately after you finish working on their teeth.

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Check out ARAC's new website design at www.abramsroyalanimalclinic.com.

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MURRAY REALLY UNPLUGGED!



Dr. Jim Murray

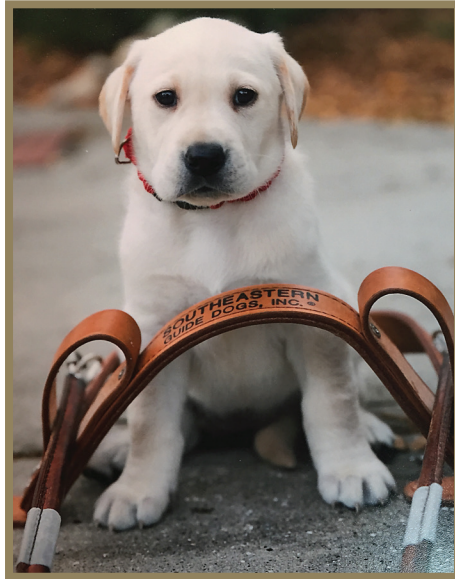
An obit with as happy an ending as possible. As you will recall from a newsletter a few years ago, Kelly G decided to rear Seeing Eye puppies for Southeastern Guide Dogs. I was

sure that she was too kind hearted to let them go at one year of age to finish their formal training, and I told her so.

As time went by it struck me that if Kelly and her family could rear the puppies, ARAC and I could do all the medical care for free as well.

I truly don't know how many we've collectively taken care of, many years worth. Also, along came Deb T with a couple of years of SGD puppies with her the same way!

At some point I asked



New Jacy
Born: February 2, 2015

Kelly what it cost to name a puppy. Well, it was way beyond my means. So, now the

great part: in the summer of 2014 I get a letter from SGD offices in Palmetto, Florida. They offered me because of

ongoing veterinary support we've provided, the right to name a new Seeing Eye Dog puppy!!!

The decision took one heartbeat. I selected the name Jacy in memory of our beloved, departed Jacy!

So while last year's news-

letter told of our Jacy's demise, a new Jacy has been born to serve and guide people through life.

Technology!!!

Well, it looks like ARAC is finally getting some pretty flashy technology! With the advent of digital radiology (X-rays) in human medicine, the manufacturers and suppliers of old analog technology have gone out of business.

At first I WAS NOT happy because the technology is very expensive. But then with the support of my associate Dr. Kyle Smith (young and very techno

savvy), I decided to take the plunge, as you can see in our exam rooms. Digital monitors in each room catch the radiographs off our wifi network and display them from an iPad to the monitors.

This allows us to use all the attributes of an iPad to easily share the images with the owners.

Further more, with the monitors and Apple TV capabilities, we can display lab results and show intra-operational images taken during surgery if the owner wishes.

-The Curmudgeon
(aka Murray)





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Welcome The New Kids On The Block



— Chris

— Totty

With Ruby retiring last year and Cat moving to New Orleans, we didn't think we could manage.

But then Chris and Totty joined the ARAC team and they've made the transition without a yelp. So, if you haven't met the new additions, make sure to say "Howdy" the next time you're in.



Rudy

When Colleen left, I was drafted to cover the catty facts for A. Royal Report.

Being a veteran of ARAC, I have seen numerous felines suffer the agonies of fleas. While some human companions have tried various remedies, I will swear by my favorite catnip treat that the Program shot is the way to go. The semi-annual shot may ouch for a second, but it's so much easier than having the human try other means.

Next time you're in check with Murray or Dr. Kyle.

How'd Ziggy ever get his man "Cat" (aka John Smith) in those Doggles to go riding with him?



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DENTAL WARNING SIGNS

Any of these symptoms indicate dental problems requiring a vet visit:

- Bad breath;
- Broken or loose teeth;
- Red, swollen or bleeding gums;
- Tartar, that yellow-brown

buildup on the teeth;

- Facial swelling that may be an abscessed tooth;
- A change in your pet's eating or chewing habits
- Pet won't let you brush its teeth; this may indicate it's in pain.

Veterinary dentistry should be addressed at least twice yearly regardless of signs. By

the time clinical signs are present, the disease may be very advanced. Small breeds and toy breeds absolutely must have dental attention yearly because they tend to have more dental problems than larger dogs. The smaller pets generally have more plaque and tartar, while the larger breeds have more stain-

ing, which may be harder to remove.

One other benefit of annual dental exams and a good brushing routine is the health of your checkbook. Small problems discovered early are much cheaper to fix than older bigger problems.

PETS BECOME PICTURE PERFECT THANKS TO DEANNA

Have you got a photo of your pet that captures that special look? Why not take that photo to the next level?

How? We found just the person: **Deanna McLean**. Not only did she redesign the ARAC website (check it out!), but she also is brilliant at turning snapshots into pet portraits. Here are a

couple of examples. For more info, contact Deanna at deezgrafix@gmail.com



Piper

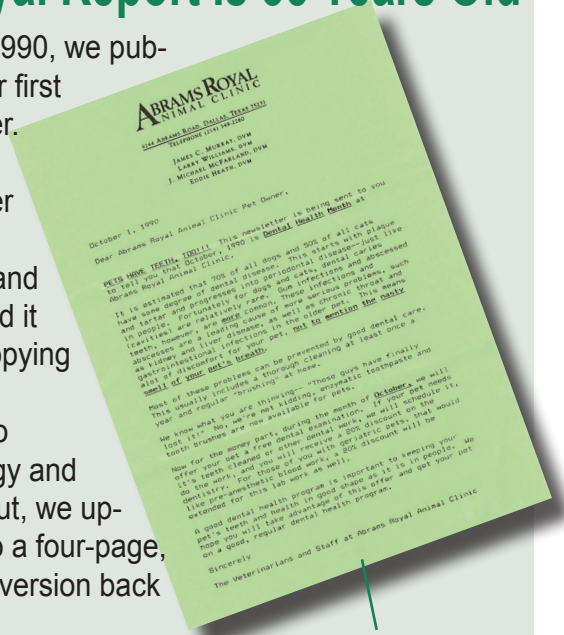


Maddie



A. Royal Report Is 35 Years Old

Back in 1990, we published our first newsletter. It was a one-pager with no pictures and we printed it on our copying machine. Thanks to technology and client input, we upgraded to a four-page, full-color version back in 2000.



The original 1990 ARAC newsletter



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