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FOR YOUR PET'S BETTER HEALTH AT A BARGAIN

One of the secrets to a pet's longterm health is its dental care. Like humans, an animal's overall well-being can be affected by its dental health. Teeth also can indicate problems facing your pet.

At Abrams Royal Animal Clinic, we realize the importance of dental care and want to safeguard

your pet's health. But we also appreciate the fact that costs may make owners hesitant to pursue a dental check-up. However, problems discovered early in a checkup are much cheaper to fix than future big problems.

By the time clinical signs are present,

the disease may be very advanced.

That's why we have a

Now's the time to come clean that makes sense while saving cents!

once-a-year Dental Discount Program in the Fall.

In addition to the free dental exam of your pet, there is a 20% discount on any additional dental treatments.

Our dental cleanings are done

under general anesthesia to thoroughly evaluate the health of the teeth and gums. This provides a less traumatizing experience for the pet and allows a more extensive examination that uncovers hard-to-detect dental problems like severe periodontal disease, an inflammation of the gums and bones that support the teeth. This disease often leads to tooth loss. According to the American Veterinary Dental Society, periodontal disease affects nearly 80% of all dogs over the age of three!

Small breeds absolutely must

have dental attention yearly because they tend to have more dental problems than

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Share Your Selfies



We love selfies of our pets. So post your favorite selfie on our ARAC Facebook page.

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40 Years Of Caring for Pets and Their Best Friends

WAS IT REALLY 40 YEARS AGO ...

that a very young veterinarian was leasing a space in a brand new strip center on a two-lane road called Abrams Road? It was indeed.

At that time Royal Lane had not yet connected Abrams Road to Greenville Avenue and Abrams Royal Animal Clinic was the first and only occupant of the strip center on the corner of Abrams Road and Royal Lane.

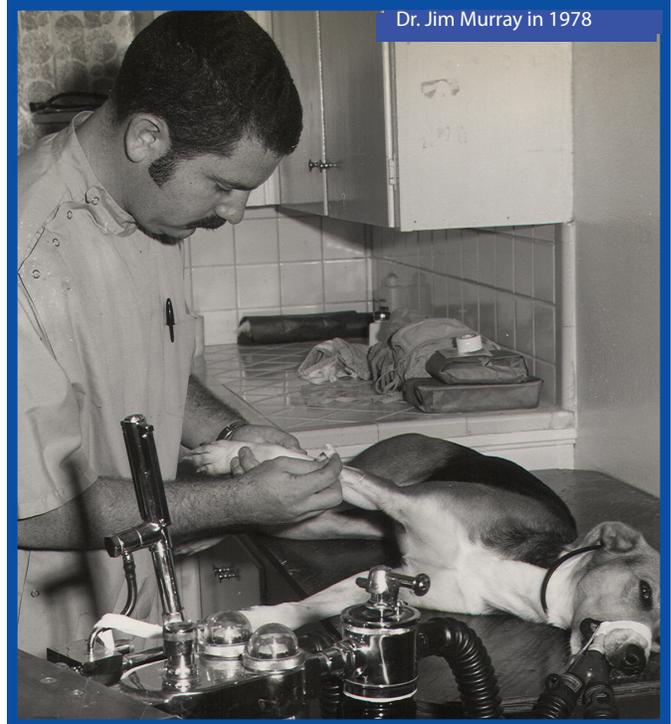
And when the big grand-opening day for Abrams Royal Animal Clinic took place on Tuesday, January 17, 1978, the day's income was a whopping \$47.00! (The next day Wednesday and that Friday the income dropped to zero.) That first week's total income was \$147.

Still I was just three years out of vet school and saw a future in

this area of Dallas for families, who would have pets and would want the best care possible.

Since money was tight, I couldn't afford fancy decorations, so I did a trade-out with a young photographer. If he would photograph some of our pet clients for the walls, I would care for his dog. That photographer was Skeeter Hagler, who would go on to win the Pulitzer Prize for his photos of a Texas cattle drive.

Over the years, my prediction came true. Homes were constructed; schools were built; businesses abounded; we received recognition and awards



Dr. Jim Murray in 1978

and Abrams Road was expanded to six lanes and connected via Royal Lane to Greenville Avenue.

us at ARAC that we are now taking care of a second generation of clients with their children.



We have celebrated the arrival of new puppies and kittens and felt the grief of losing pets.

Retrospectively, I didn't have a long-term plan for Abrams Royal Animal Clinic. Nobody ever told me it would be this great. The partnerships and friendships with our clients and my staff have been more than gratifying.

I look forward to the next 40 years; I still don't have a long-term plan. A six-year-old boy told me recently,

Dr. Jim, you can't retire until you and I raise my kids pets!

But my commitment to provide the best possible care for those families continued, thanks to advancements in technology and treatments.

I have truly been honored to watch your pets age and your children grow into beautiful adults. It is a compliment to all of

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SATURDAY
8:30 a.m. to noon

VETERINARIANS' HOURS
MONDAY-FRIDAY
8:30 a.m. to noon
2 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
SATURDAY
8:30 a.m. to noon

How To Handle Weather Woes For Woofers

A recent study about fireworks and thunder-storm phobias estimated 49% of all dogs have some level of these phobias. These symptoms include but are not limited to shaking, pacing, panting, barking, drooling, tearing up their environment and attempting to hide from the noises.

To your pet these are real problems with no place to hide nor understanding that the situation is temporary.

The single most important fact in dealing with these phobias to be aware of the weather before it becomes a problem. Confinement in dark small enclosures like a small closet is great to muffle the noise.

Additional treatments are all over the place, such as thunder shirts. Tranquilizers like Acepromazine sometimes work, but most times don't.

Recently I was introduced to Alprazolam. Yep, that's Xanax! It is by far the best phobia control I've ever seen. It comes in multiple strengths, allowing for a customized dosing of your pet. The other great thing about Xanax is that if the storms

wear on, you can add more drug as needed to control the anxiety.

If you think your pet has one of these phobias, please talk with us about it because Alprazolam will need a prescription to purchase it at a pharmacy.

BTW, it is pretty cheap.



TIPS ON HOW TO CHRONIC PILL

Chronic pilling (oral tablets or capsules) can be challenging. What is chronic pilling? It's when a dog requires oral medication like heart medication, Apoquel, etc., daily or multiple times a day.

First, I recommend using multiple tasting agents like Pill Pock-

ets, peanut butter, bottle Cheez Whiz, spray cheeses and Cool Whip.

Cream cheeses are especially great because they come in different flavors.

I'm sure you will come up with other equally easy, great ideas for tasting agents.

Next, never use the same product twice in a row. If you used peanut butter in the morning, use cream cheese in the evening.

When you're working in the kitchen, think nothing of giving your dog a little bite of one of the tasting agents without any medicine in it just as a treat.

DENTAL WARNING SIGNS:

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

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larger dogs. While smaller pets generally have more plaque and tartar; larger breeds have more staining, which may be harder to remove.

Once teeth are repaired, it's not surprising to see the pet acting like it did as a puppy or kitten.

Find us on 

OK, LET'S RE-ADDRESS MICROCHIPS AND THE NEW CITY ORDINANCE

Last year we discussed microchipping your pet to get your pet home, if it got out of your house. Time and again this has led to a wonderful ending for a potentially horrible event!

Well, this year the City of Dallas has weighed in on a new ordinance regarding microchipping.

While pets still must be rabies vaccinated, we, the veterinarians, are

NO longer required to forward that information to the city.

The annual city registration has been replaced with mandatory microchipping of the pets.

Please understand this as best we can:

- Owners are required to microchip their pets;
- We, the veterinary community, do NOT

have to notify the city of the microchipping.

In other words, the city has no knowledge that it was done nor that the pet is in compliance with the City of Dallas rabies vaccination requirement.

No, you're right, that makes no sense to us either!

So, it's a beautiful day



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and you're out walking your cat on a leash and an animal control officer can pull up and scan your cat for a microchip???

Give me a break!!!



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Dallas Emergency Animal Clinic Inc. Sells To MedVet

Last December, MedVet of Chicago, Cincinnati and Columbus acquired the Dallas EAC (Emergency Animal Clinic) group.

We at Abrams Royal Animal Clinic will continue to refer our clients to MedVet for any after-hour or holiday emergency.

And you won't have to worry about learning new locations if an emergency arises in your household. MedVet is maintaining the very same locations as the EAC had in Richardson and Uptown and on Greenville Avenue.

