

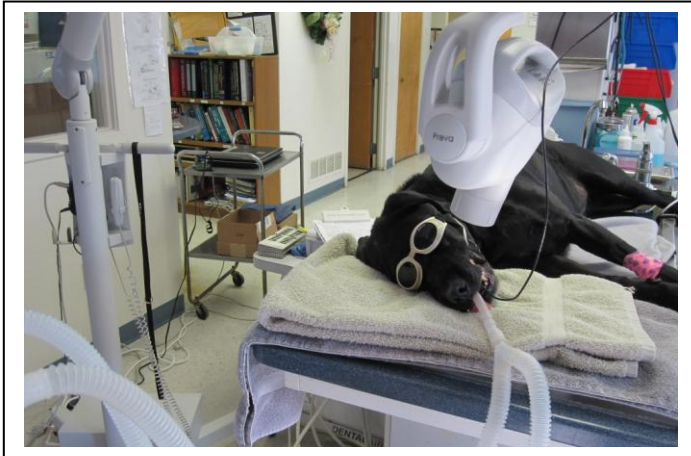


# Governor's Avenue Animal Hospital Newsletter

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Rhett owned by Gary Brown, getting dental x-rays!

## Raffle Winners!

Our monthly raffle winners are:

- October – Linda Powell. She selected dog treats and a mug that reads, "Everything tastes better with dog hair in it!"
- November – Joyce Quinn. She selected a bracelet.
- December – Virginia Bliem. She selected the Jim Shore carved dog wood piece.

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## Dental Digital Imaging

Dr. Foor

We are pleased to announce that we now offer two new technologies – dental digital imaging and shockwave treatment.

Dental digital imaging will allow us to more easily acquire quality "x-rays" and better visualize pathology. We can now take x-rays of only the dental area instead of the entire head. This will shorten the length of time the animal is anesthetized and lessen the exposure to radiation. Our new dental imaging software will give us a more effective presentation of diagnosis and treatment options for our patients. This will provide invaluable information concerning progression or resolution of dental disease.

Radiographs are an essential component of dental treatment because oral pathology is often overlooked. By the age of 2 years, 80% of dogs and 70% of cats have periodontal disease. 60% of cats over 6 years of age have resorptive lesions. 83% of extracted teeth have a fractured root that could be left behind. Oral disease is the most frequently diagnosed disease in pets. If left untreated, oral disease can lead to serious consequences for your pet including severe pain, bad breath and tooth loss. Chronic tooth infections can spread bacteria to the major organs, where it may seriously compromise your pet's health. For example, diabetic animals are very difficult to regulate on insulin and animals with heart murmurs are at greater risk of infections of the heart muscle and valves, if they have significant dental disease.

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Your personal daily routine includes taking good care of your teeth. Let us help you do the same for your pet. We can develop a dental treatment plan for your pet that includes options to prevent plaque and tartar buildup on a daily basis and annual or semi-annual dental consultations during wellness examinations to identify problems. Together we can put together an effective plan to protect and manage the dental health of your pet.

Our next issue will discuss shock wave therapy, a non-invasive treatment for many injuries. It has been shown to relieve pain, speed healing, and improve the quality of healing.



Photo taken at The Shepherd Place kitchen with TSP,  
Executive Director, Diane Cahall and GAAH Office Manager, Terri Dove.

Governor's Avenue Animal Hospital Doctors and staff made a donation to The Shepherd Place. This charity offers emergency housing to families and single female adults who are homeless. It provides people with the opportunity to work towards obtaining a permanent home. To volunteer or donate, call (302) 678-1909.

## Helping to Keep Those Teeth Clean!

Becky Borntreger, LVT and Karen Green, LVT

Brushing your pet's teeth regularly can be one of the best investments you make. At GAAH we have many products available to help you keep your pets teeth healthy and clean.

- We have two types of toothbrushes and two flavors of toothpaste – poultry and vanilla mint.
- Dentacetic gel – Gel applied to teeth and gums helps prevent tartar accumulation and reduces gingivitis.
- Dentacetic wipes – use these wipes to clean teeth and help prevent tartar.
- Oral hygiene rinse – best to apply to teeth after eating to rinse and remove debris.
- Aquadent – Drinking water additive that helps freshen breath and maintain oral hygiene.
- OraVet – plaque prevention gel applied to the teeth weekly. Waxy substance that helps repel plaque buildup.



Interested in acupuncture?  
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