

# The Doggie News

The Animal House Quarterly Newsletter



Keeping Your Pets Healthy and Happy

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## February is Dental Health Month

Approximately 85 percent of cats and dogs have periodontal disease! WOOF! This is mostly due to the fact that we do not care for our pet's teeth the same way we care for our own. Chronic dental infections can spread to the heart, liver, lungs and kidneys, where permanent damage may occur. To prevent these problems, you should clean your pet's teeth regularly and schedule routine dental checkups.

### What are the Signs of Tooth and Gum Disease?

- Bad breath
- Tartar on teeth
- Red, swollen gums
- Difficulty eating
- Excessive drooling
- Pawing at mouth



### What can I do to Prevent Dental Disease?

- Brush your pet's teeth regularly and have them brushed by an animal professional when you have your pet groomed.
- Give your pet fresh raw bones. (Prevent choking by making sure the bones are not too small.)
- Give your pet special foods designed to help reduce plaque and tartar.
- Keep an eye on your pet's teeth and gums, and make sure to have them checked by your veterinarian annually.

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## What's New at the Animal House?

### Grooming Awards

Chiloe Hunt and Kim Kendrick have been honored with national grooming awards from the New England Pet Grooming Professionals (NEPGP) 2007 Fall Festival held in Warwick, RI.

Chiloe won second place in the Terrier competition for hand-stripping her own Welsh Terrier, "Cracker." She also came in 4<sup>th</sup> place in the Sporting Group for her skills in grooming an English Springer Spaniel, "Jagger," owned by John and Janet Pollay of Cohoes.

Kim won second place in the Mixed/Other Purebreds competition with a Soft-Coated Wheaten Terrier, "Diego," owned by Dan and Kelly Brady of Cohoes.

### Community Outreach

Staff of The Animal House will be participating in:

- The 6<sup>TH</sup> Annual Winter Carnival in Cohoes, February 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Upstate New York's Family Pet Expo (date tbd; ask for details).
- Paws for a Cause, Empire State Plaza, Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>.

## February Grooming Special

For an additional \$5.00, your groomer will brush your pet's teeth and send you home with a free toothbrush so that you can continue to regularly clean your pet's teeth between visits.

PLUS ... a free Greenies® "Smart Biscuit" to freshen your pet's breath.



***"A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than he loves himself." ~ Josh Billings***

