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Pain is the Fifth Vital Sign in Your Pet

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October Dental Month

Don't forget October is dental month at CHAH! During the month of October dental procedures will receive a \$40.00 discount. Your pet should have a current annual exam on file to qualify. This is an anesthetic appointment and requires a current rabies vaccine, feline/canine distemper vaccine, and current heartworm test. Also, all patients over 8 years old are required to have a total health bloodwork panel along with the procedure. Keeping your pet's teeth healthy throughout their lifetime

An animal's inability to verbally communicate that it is pain does not mean that the pain does not exist. Animals, unlike humans, are highly motivated to hide pain. Therefore, by the time we are able to detect overt signs, the pain is likely to be more intense than we think. We can assume that any event that would be painful to a person would be painful to a pet as well. Animals in pain are often restless and agitated. They may pace, circle, and be unable to settle and sleep. Excessively panting when temperatures are normal is another indication. Untreated pain can lead to behavioral, physiological, hormonal, and metabolic responses. This then leads to chronic pain and

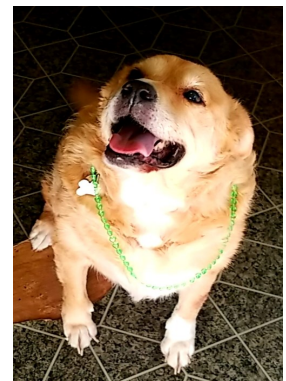
further long term deterioration of the pet's health and quality of life.

There are multiple options our Doctors can use to help relieve pain in your pet, Joint Supplements from an early age are always beneficial. Lubricating the joints and protecting cartilage prevents bone on bone rubbing later in life. Prescription anti-inflammatories help relieve pain, but it is important to note, they CANNOT take over the counter Advil, or Tylenol. Injections such as Adequan can be given regularly to treat arthritic conditions. Our hospital is also lucky enough to have a K-Laser on site for laser therapy. This therapy greatly reduces pain and inflammation in all parts of the body, while increasing blood flow and cell regeneration.

Employee Pet Spotlight

**\$40.00
Discount**

Featured this month is veterinary nurse, Alicia's 13 1/2 year old Shiba Inu/Sheltie mix, Pearl. She loves giving kisses and remains happy despite her senior age. Her favorite past time is going for short walks around the block and taking naps.



Xylitol Warning

With Halloween fast approaching, it is important to note a hidden danger that lies in many of our foods and candies. Many pet owners are privy to the danger of feeding their pets chocolate or raisins, but another threat for toxicity is xylitol. Xylitol is an artificial sweetener that is used in chewing gum, candy, cereals, desserts, toothpaste, and even peanut butter. It has become increasingly used because of popularity in low carb diets. The important thing to know is that very little xylitol causes toxicity. Most foods and

gums do not properly list the amount used on packaging. Even one piece of gum can be toxic to your dog. Symptoms include vomiting, lethargy, hypoglycemia, seizures, diarrhea, collapse, coma, and even death.. Acute liver failure can occur within 24 hours. At this time, no anecdote is available, so it is imperative you get your pet to a veterinarian as soon as possible to begin treatment. Xylitol begins to absorb in the body within 30 minutes of ingestion.

Featured Shelter:

IL Doberman Rescue Plus

Our featured rescue this month is the IL Doberman Rescue Plus. Our very own Veterinary Nurse, Alicia is a foster for this organization run mainly by fosters and volunteers. IDR+ adopts and rescues Dobermans, and any other breeds and species. Alicia currently has 4 cats and kittens for adoption through this rescue. Contact her here at CHAH or www.ildoberescue.com if you are interested in available pets.



Fear Free Practice

The idea of a fear free practice at our hospital is one of extreme importance. Fear free practices focus on the emotional well being of the vet team, owner, and patient. Our intent is to decrease the fear, stress, and anxiety your pet faces coming in for a vet visit and, in turn, increases their cooperation

creating a safer work environment. Most all of our staff is certified in this fear free ideology. Management such as gentle voices and control, use of pheromone sprays, and plug in's, body wraps, warm towels, non slip mats on our tables, pediatric scales, and treat rewards are all examples of fear free approaches used here within our hospital.



Come visit our New Treat Bar at your next visit!!

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Hazel is pictured to the right modeling one of our Thunder shirts and Feliway sprays used at CHAH.

