It's Dental Month at Viking Veterinary Care!

All dental cleanings and radiographs will receive a 10% discount. Call to schedule your appointment today!

DENTAL CARE HELPS YOUR PET LIVE LONGER!

Dental disease is the **#1** illness affecting pets, and can affect heart, kidney, and lung function.

59% of pet owners surveyed did not know that! Proper oral care can prevent dental disease.

By age 3, **70%** of cats have a form of dental disease. Your vet can help keep their teeth healthy with a professional cleaning.

That number is higher for dogs, at **80%**. Your dog can learn to allow you to brush their teeth. Flavored toothpaste helps.

Good dental care can help a pet live up to **20%** longer! Talk to your veterinarian about dental care today!
OraVet Dental Hygiene Chews make it easy to clean teeth and protect against the bacteria that leads to plaque, tartar, and bad breath. Delmopinol, a common ingredient in human mouth washes, creates a barrier against bacteria to keep your dog’s mouth clean and fresh.

- Reduces average halitosis in dogs by 53%*
- Reduces plaque by an average of 42% *
- Reduces calculus by an average of 54%*

*Compared to a dry diet alone.

Purina Dental Chewz are a delicious, long-lasting dental chew for adult dogs to help reduce build-up of tartar

- Cleans teeth, freshens breath
- Recognized by the Veterinary Oral Health Council as a product that works effectively to significantly reduce tartar in dogs, and is backed by extensive testing at the Purina Pet Care Center

Did you know our Vanilla Mint toothpaste is hypoallergenic? It also helps freshen breath and decreases tartar buildup! Pick up your tube for $11.00 today!
A Happy Ending For Miss Minerva

Minerva's 90-day Post-Stem Cell Update: Minerva was a rescue from Cat's Cradle who came to them as a kitten with a spinal cord injury. She could walk with a sling for support but had profound muscle atrophy over her hind limbs and no control over her urination or defecation. Now over a year old, Minerva has had some very dedicated fosters to help her with these needs!

Minerva received a stem cell treatment in our hospital via an epidural in October, then continued with daily physical therapy with Dr. Brock and our staff. Jed, one of our certified veterinary technicians, fell for Minerva's spicy charm and resilient nature. She has now made her home with him and his wife (also a CVT), where she continues to get her physical therapy every day.

Minerva now has full control over her bladder and bowels! She pulls herself into her litter box and goes without assistance! Minerva can walk with support on her left side and can now go upstairs without help. Her progress continues daily...She's surprised Jed several times from the top of her cat tree (and waits for him to come get her).

Congratulations to Minerva and her new family for a match made in heaven! And a big thank you to everyone who helped Minerva along her path.

WE WANT YOUR OPINION!

Are you interested in an in-hospital professional dog trainer? Katelin MacNair, CPDT-KA from Coexist Canine Coaching just might be joining the Viking Veterinary Care team! Please let us know if you and your furry kids are interested in the clinic offering dog training classes for all ages, 4 in a group, for approximately $30/class ($120 for a 4 week course). Give us a call at (971) 371-4024 or email us at info@vikingveterinarycare.com
Rescues and Shelters—Our Experiences

Every summer, it hits…. puppy and kitten fever, and you need a fix! You want to adopt from a rescue group, but which one? You want to volunteer, but with whom? Not all rescue groups and shelters are created equal. Here are our recommendations for how to pick a reputable one to work with.

Check out your local shelter organizations. Avoiding the shelters because of what you saw on Lady and the Tramp? Give your local shelter a chance! Both Bonnie Hays Animal Shelter of Washington County and Multnomah County Animal Services have their statistics available in their annual reports online. And you know what? They are really good! These two county shelters have about a 90% “Live Release Rate”, which is amazing considering they don’t get to choose which critters they are willing to take on.

Both of these shelters go above and beyond to treat medical conditions prior to adoption, such as fractures, skin condition, urinary issues, etc. All animals are spayed/neutered, microchipped, and fully vaccinated before adoption—which makes the price of adoption a steal! Take a tour of your local county shelter and see what they are doing to improve the quality of life for those in their care!

- Bonnie Hays Animal Shelter: [www.co.washington.or.us/HHS/AnimalServices/AnimalShelter/](http://www.co.washington.or.us/HHS/AnimalServices/AnimalShelter/)
- Multnomah County Animal Services: [https://multcopets.org/](https://multcopets.org/)

Other Non-profit Shelters in the Portland Area we’ve had good experiences with include:

- Cat Adoption Team: [http://catadoptionteam.org/](http://catadoptionteam.org/)

Research a local rescue group on social media. There are a number of them in the Portland area and you can see which ones have been “Liked” by people you know. Then contact your friends to see what their experience has been (anyone can “like” a page, so you have to do the leg work)! Rescue work can be filled with drama, but it doesn’t need to be. Choose a group that presents themselves professionally, because that is who you’re going to be dealing with when you go to adopt! Each of the rescue groups below keep their animals in foster homes, ensuring they are getting socialized. Each rescue group below keeps their animals in foster homes, allowing them to get to know their personalities and work on socialization. They have a good idea if they are potty trained, get along with other pets/children, or have areas that need work (food aggression, etc)

“Viking-Approved” Rescue Groups include:

- Puplandia: [www.puplandiadogrescue.org](http://www.puplandiadogrescue.org)
Petfinder can be an excellent way to connect with rescue groups or shelters outside of the area, but it still pays to do your homework on the organization so you know what you are getting into!

Things that make us go “Hmmmmm….”

◊ Online adoptions where they won’t let you see the parents/facility/littermates. This is how puppy mills are continuing to operate.

◊ Refusal to show medical records until after adoption (Yes, we’ve actually seen this.)

◊ Free, purebred puppies on Craig’s List that are not in the state, but have advertised on the Portland page. This is a scam where they usually pose as elderly people who have taken on more than they can handle and “just want a good home” for the puppies, but you have to pay $250 for the shipping company to bring them to you. These people will friend you on Facebook, then mysteriously disappear once they have your money or they figure out you’re on to them. We’ve seen this with bulldog and husky puppies so far.

◊ Few to no “success” stories, with a huge pet-to-caretaker ratio. Some people actually start a rescue to facilitate hoarding. In their minds, it’s a temporary situation and they are just “picky” over who gets to adopt from them.

◊ Rescues with a high volunteer or staff turnover rate. People that work in this sector are incredibly dedicated, so if they aren’t sticking around, it’s for a reason.

If you have any questions when going through the adoption process and you want to get our opinion, please call us at 971-371-4024 or send us an email at info@vikingveterinarycare.com!

Take a Look Behind the Scenes at 
Viking Veterinary Care

Your tour guide today will be Bart. He would be happy to show you around and introduce you to our hospital services. Our veterinarians and staff are certified Fear Free Professionals and we are a Gold Standard Feline Friendly Practice. We work hard to make your pets HAPPY at the vet!

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HOW THE SMART RABIES TAG WORKS

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6. Pet parent receives a text message
7. Pet parent sees the pet’s location on Google Maps
8. Lost Pet is returned to the Pet Parent

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We Are Updating Our Client Communications System!

Rapport will be our new and improved way of keeping in touch with you.

We will now be able to communicate with you via text, phone, or email to update you on your pet’s medical reminders, to inform you when your prescription medication or food is available, and also to give you updates on hospitalized patients. Please let us know how you would prefer to be contacted just dropping us a line at info@vikingveterinarycare.com or calling us at (971) 371-4024.