

Can Your Cat Say Cheese? (and look good at the same time?)

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Dental disease is the most common disease in cats! Reports show that approximately 85% of adult cats have some degree of dental disease. Fortunately this is an easy disease to prevent and treat, especially if caught early. Annual exams can help keep you informed of the dental condition of your pet.

Dental disease can cause various levels of discomfort for your pet leading to drooling, awkward eating habits, and decreased appetite. You also may not be aware that dental disease when left unchecked can lead to bacterial shedding into the bloodstream. Once in the bloodstream, bacteria can reach the kidneys, heart, liver and lungs, causing infection and damage to these organs.

Preventive care in the form of brushing teeth, dental treats and routine dental cleanings can help decrease the amount of tartar on the teeth, preventing plaque build up and progressive dental disease. So check your cat's mouth monthly and call to schedule a dental exam today. We will examine your cat's mouth carefully and give you an estimate for cleaning and dental work if required. Give your cat the gift of a clean, healthy smile today! 🐾



Second Tails of the Painted Cats

Mark your calendars for the second *Tails of the Painted Cats*. Our first Tails of the Painted Cats held in June was such a huge success, that we are doing it again.

Tails of the Painted Cats features 20 exciting fiberglass cat sculptures painted by talented local artists. The event is inspired by the Chicago Cow exhibit, but of course our cats will not be exhibited outdoors; rather, in keeping with our policies, they will be strictly indoor cats. This year, there will be three different sizes of cats in order to accommodate those people who would prefer a smaller cat to display in their homes.

The cats will have their unveiling at the Lakewood Arts Council in May and then will reside at the gallery for the Lakewood Arts Council during the month of May. The cats will then travel to still-to-be-determined locations for the months of June and July. On July 28th, the gala event will be held at the Lakewood Country Club. At that time, all cats will be auctioned off.

The new renditions of the cats painted by the local artists have been picked by our judges and each is a very unique piece of art. The artists participating this year are – Susan A. Becker, Kathy Burton, Ashley Conroy, Liz Cooper, Jane McFadden Dorsey, Gail Firmin, Kathryn Jackson, Melanie Gwendahlin Keyes, Joan A. Lee, Karen R. Mahnken, Shirlee Akemi Miyake, Sara Nevadomski, Carla Pawlewicz, K. Ross, Pam Schmidt, BW Sharp, Bonnie Wilber and Cam Williams.

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