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## DENTAL DISEASE, it's not simply 'bad breath'

It is estimated that over 70% of dogs and cats have some degree of dental disease. Many pets show signs of gum disease as young as four years old because they aren't provided with proper mouth care early on. This can lead to not only loose teeth and oral pain, but the continual presence of bacteria and their associated toxins can significantly affect your pet's heart and other internal organs. Take a moment to compare yourself to your pet— you probably brush and floss your teeth daily, *and* see the dentist for a thorough cleaning at least once a year. How does this compare to the oral care your pet receives? Are you brushing daily? monthly? never? When was his last professional veterinary cleaning? How do you imagine your mouth would look and feel if you received his oral care regimen? *YUCK*— it's not a pretty picture, is it?



GAH is proud to announce that we have just passed our triennial American Animal Hospital accreditation with **flying colors!!**

**AAHA** is the accrediting body for animal hospitals in the United States and Canada. To become accredited, animal hospitals undergo rigorous comprehensive evaluations by AAHA veterinary experts who evaluate the practice on approximately **900** standards of veterinary care.

Currently only **15%** of veterinary hospitals are accredited! We have been continuously accredited since 1991 to provide your beloved family members with the most up to date care available.

Visit [www.AAHA.org](http://www.AAHA.org) for more information.



Oral care is a lifelong commitment. As pets age, intervention in the form of periodic professional cleanings followed by daily home care can help save your pets teeth and keep him healthy.

## Introducing: ORAVET DENTAL CHEWS.

Using both mechanical and chemical plaque removers, Oravet chews are the latest in canine oral health. Given daily, these tasty chews can reduce plaque by 40% and tartar by 54%. They come in 4 sizes to accommodate all dogs and are available here at GAH. Ask a staff member or visit [www.Oravet.com](http://www.Oravet.com) for more information on how you can improve your furry friend's oral health!



## HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST

Dress your fur-baby in his or her Halloween costume and come to GAH anytime before Oct 28th to have a picture taken for our annual costume contest. Pictures are posted on our Facebook page, and the one with the most 'likes' wins a prize!

### Star staff member: Lydia Hughes!

Lydia joined our GAH team in 2010 as a member of our kennel team. She then completed the two year course at Gwinnett Technical College and in 2014 rejoined our team as an Registered Veterinary Technician. She enjoys caring for our hospitalized and post-op patients. When not working at GAH, Lydia volunteers at AWARE caring for creatures of all kinds.



## Pumpkin Peanut Butter Wafers for dogs and cats

- 15 oz can pureed pumpkin (not pie filling)
- 3/4 cup uncooked cream of wheat or rice cereal
- 1/2 cup dry powdered milk
- 1/4 cup creamy peanut butter

Mix all ingredients together and drop by small spoonfuls onto lightly greased cookie sheet

Bake 15-20 minutes in a preheated 300°F oven

Cool and enjoy!