

Foxridge Mews & News



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WELCOME!

Welcome to the first issue of Foxridge Mews and News. Here we hope to share exciting new changes at Foxridge, interesting cases, cost-saving deals, and more. If you would like to see your pet featured or have a topic you would like to learn more about, email us at info@foxridgevetcare.com!

ABOUT US

Our vision: We left behind a corporate-owned practice because we wanted to practice high-quality, individualized medicine while also providing staff with a positive, supportive working environment. We witnessed first-hand how corporate control of veterinary practices can reduce the quality of patient care by raising prices, reducing support staff, and limiting time spent with patients. We want to take the time to get to know you and your pet and work together to find the best treatment plan for everyone.

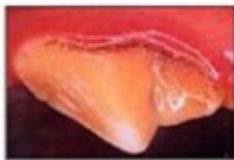
Why the name? Foxridge Hills is the name of the neighborhood where our practice is located. We chose "Foxridge Veterinary Care" so people know that we are a part of your community. Recently, we hosted a cat adoption event with Nine Lives Rescue. In the spring, we will have a 4K classroom coming to tour the clinic. Be on the lookout for an open house we are planning for the spring!



FEBRUARY IS DENTAL HEALTH MONTH!

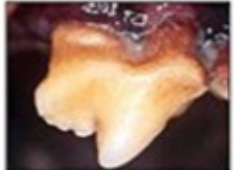
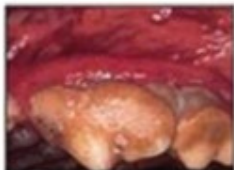
Your pets' dental health is important every month of the year but February is when we raise awareness about the importance of treating dental disease. You may have noticed some tartar or calculus (hard, brown) or plaque (soft, yellow) on your pet's teeth, but did you know that what is going on below the gumline can be much worse? This is why it is so important to have a dental cleaning, dental x-rays, and oral exam performed at least annually. Some pets are more affected than others and may need dental prophylaxis even more frequently. Humans go to their dentist every 6 months. Pets' teeth are no different than ours, and they put arguably much grosser things in their mouths!

The most common dental disease that we see is periodontal disease. Here are the stages:



Stage 1: Gingivitis, Plaque (*Reversible*)
This is best time for a dental cleaning!

Stage 2: Early periodontitis, calculus, up to 25% bone loss, causes pain and odor (*bone loss Irreversible*)



Stage 3: Moderate periodontitis, more calculus, gingival loss, 25-50% bone loss (*bone loss Irreversible*)

Stage 4: Severe periodontitis, >50% bone loss, infection that can spread to liver, kidney, or heart (*Irreversible*)

The two next most common dental diseases we see may only be identified once we do an anesthetized oral exam and dental x-rays.

Tooth Root Abscesses

This is when infection gets into the pulp usually by trauma or fracture, then spreads to the apex of the root, destroying bone and causing severe pain. When this goes undetected, it can continue to spread through the bone causing swelling on the surface (below the eye, or along the jaw). Extraction of the tooth is necessary to resolve the infection.

Resorptive Lesions

These are most often seen in cats. *In fact, it affects up to 60% of them! Meowwch!* It is still unknown exactly what causes these painful cavity-like lesions. We do know genetics play a role. These lesions can start in the crown, root, or both and continue to eat away the tooth until the tooth is completely gone. Extraction of the tooth in cats is necessary to relieve the pain.



Not the same patient



FEBRUARY SPECIAL OFFER:
COME IN FOR A FREE DENTAL EXAM AND RECEIVE
\$50 OFF YOUR PET'S DENTAL IF RECOMMENDED.

VMX 2024

The Veterinary Meeting & Expo, or VMX, is the largest veterinary conference in the world, held every year in Orlando, FL. This year, Foxridge was able to send Dr. Perkins and our office manager, Jo Stiegman. They each attended dozens of lectures, networked with experts in the field of veterinary medicine, and learned about new technologies and medicines in the expo hall. Both have been sharing this exciting information with the rest of the Foxridge staff and will use that new knowledge to provide even more advanced care for your pets.





Refer someone to Foxridge Veterinary Care and both of you will receive \$25 off your next visit!

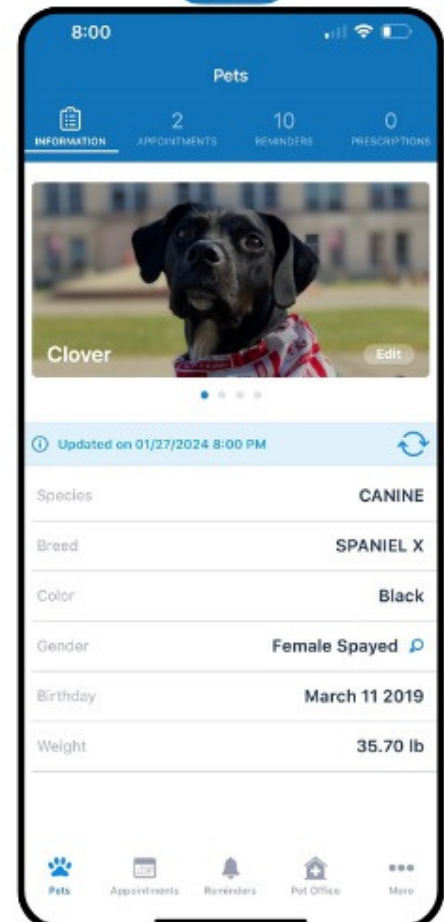
WHAT'S NEW AT FOXRIDGE?

A lot! Even though change can be scary, every update has been made with the benefit of you and your pets in mind.

- **Computerized medical records:** This will allow us to keep more thorough and accurate records that we can then share with you via email. Look for your pet's visit summary in your email after most visits. *Be sure to add foxridgevetcare.com in your email client so our emails don't go to your junk folder!*



- **Pet Portal and Client Communications Platform:** With the new Pet Portal, you can login to see your pet's medical records including their vaccine and test reminders and medication list. You can even request refills or schedule an appointment. This platform also allows us to send you text messages letting you know when your pet is ready for pick-up, awake from anesthesia, or overdue for vaccines. You can even message us back with questions! *Be sure to "Opt-In" through your Pet Portal to receive text messages!* Use this link to access your Pet Portal or create an account: [Foxridge Pet Portal](#)
Download the App: [MyPetsWellness](#)



- **Online Pharmacy:** We chose to migrate to a new online pharmacy platform in order to provide a broader selection, prescribe compounded medications (like transdermal, liquid, or flavored medications), and for seamless integration with your pet's electronic medical record. Click this link to go to our online pharmacy: [Foxridge GreatPetRx](#)

- **In-house Lab Equipment:** Our new in-house lab equipment can perform complete blood counts, chemistry panels, urinalysis, cytology, and fecal analysis all within minutes. We even have the ability to upload and send cytology slides to a pathologist for results within hours, instead of days. Although we can still send out non-urgent tests to the lab to help save you cost, we know that sometimes you just need to have answers right away.

GET TO KNOW THE STAFF: DR PERKINS

Dr. Megan Perkins is a proud owner and veterinarian at Foxridge Veterinary Care. She grew up in south-central Wisconsin, attending Janesville Parker High School. During her school years, Megan participated in 4H, cross country, and showed horses. After high school, she attended UW-Platteville and obtained her Bachelor's degree in Animal Science. She utilized that degree by working in the agricultural industry for several years before deciding to pursue her childhood dream of becoming a veterinarian.

Dr. Perkins graduated from UW-Madison School of Veterinary Medicine in 2021 and went on to pursue a career in shelter medicine. There she quickly became very proficient in performing high-quality, high volume spays and neuters; able to perform up to 40 surgeries per day! Dr. Perkins soon realized; however, that she loves all aspects of veterinary medicine, including dentistry, preventive medicine, and geriatric care, so she made the transition to general practice. She loves the opportunity to develop lasting relationships with her clients and patients.

Dr. Perkins now resides in Janesville, WI with her husband, Tom. Together, they enjoy spending free time with their pets, hiking, and traveling. She also loves reading, gardening, and barn time with her two horses. Reggie is a 27-year old Arabian mare and Oliver is a 4-year old Quarter Horse gelding. She and Tom also have 3 dogs: a 15 year old pit bull named Dory, a 9 year old mixed breed named Dwight, a 1-year old Standard Poodle named Olaf; and 4 cats: Lilly (15), Brando (15), Gimli (7), and Lazslo (2).



Lazslo is a very special boy with a remarkable story to tell. Check it out on our Facebook and Instagram pages!



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