



# Leash on Life

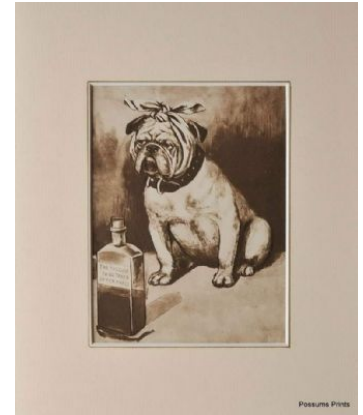
February 2012

Monday - Friday 10 to 6  
Saturday 9 to 4  
Sunday noon to 4

## Let's See Those Pearly Whites-

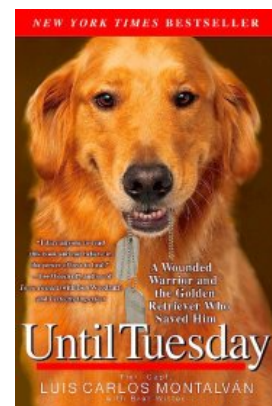
February is pet dental month. The bacteria that live in your pet's mouth may be causing that bad breath that makes you avoid the most excited kisses. These bacteria can lead to oral disease and increase the risk for more serious illness. The American Veterinary Dental Society reports that 80 percent of dogs and 70 percent of cats show signs of oral disease by age three. Warning signs include bad breath, tartar and swollen red gums. Fractured teeth or cavities can be painful and may result in a change in your pet's eating habits. Left untreated, bacteria from poor teeth can spread via the bloodstream and infect the heart, lungs, liver and kidneys.

Prevention is the key to helping pets maintain good health and many of our dental products are on sale during February to help you get started. There are many alternatives for dental care with your dog or cat, but it is hard to beat daily brushing; the challenge of course is getting us to comply. Starting your pet early will get them used to having their teeth brushed (peanut butter-flavored toothpaste is very popular). Chews can also be helpful, and are part of the full solution to dental care used as a supplement to other care. Rope bones can be a good addition to your dog's toy pile. They work as dental floss, but do not cause wear in enamel. Our new rope chews with *liquid floss* will encourage your dog to do their own 'flossing'. Hard bones can aid with removal of tartar, but be sure to watch aggressive chewers with hard bones so they don't go overboard and break a tooth. If your pet already has some tartar build up your best bet is to have the teeth cleaned and then start on a preventative routine. If you have questions or concerns about your dog or cats teeth be sure to have a talk with your veterinarian about what is right for you and your pet.



## Book Reading...

We have a suggestion on how to spend Saturday February 11<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 to 5:00 p.m. Captain Luis Carlos Montalvan will read from his book, [Until Tuesday](#), is about his Golden Retriever, Tuesday, and how she helped him recover from wounds he received in Iraq. [Faithful Companions Pet Crematory](#) is kindly sponsoring this book reading. This is sure to be a wonderful event held at the Kirkwood Room, 515 Kirkwood Avenue.



## Fresh from the Mountains...

Well, they are not from the mountains, but the bag looks like it. Actually, *SO Natural* treats are made in the great state of Wisconsin with all of the ingredients coming from here in the U.S. They even offer a grain free turkey treat. This is another tasty treat to add to your dog's treat jar.



## Adoptable dog of the Month, Fanny...



Fanny is a very sweet, smart, and responsive gal. She likes people and will do anything for food making her an excellent candidate for reward-based training. Fanny knows sit, she likes squeaky toys and she also enjoys walks. Once she knows you she will try to be your lap dog. Fanny is available at the Iowa City Adoption Center, call (319) 356-5295 or visit [www.icanimalcenter.org](http://www.icanimalcenter.org) to learn more about any of the dogs and cats at the Center.

## One More Dental Thing...

Another option for both your dog and cat is Brushless Toothpaste™ dental chew. On the outside is chlorophyll, cinnamon, vanilla and cloves to help freshen breath. On the inside are three bacteriostats to inhibit the growth of bacteria. These are soft enough to be cut in small slices for cats too. For the diet sensitive canine there is no wheat, corn, soy or artificial coloring in this chew treat.



## What Time is it?

It is time to let you know that Leash on Life is still open on Sunday from noon to four. These additional hours were popular in December and we have decided to continue them. For those of you that have been asking, Michoacana, previously known as the "Taco Truck" is now open next door to Leash on Life.

## Dogs with Attitude...

Dogs with Attitude...Teddy the Dog has something to say—and it makes us all laugh. With a statement to fit your style, Teddy has a shirt for you. These T-shirts come in warm, earthy colors. If you need something new and fun to wear come and see our stock of t-shirts. We have hiking, skiing, biking and golfing theme shirts, plus more.



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