


## Polish group seeks queen

The Detroit Polish Festival Committee is searching for an attractive, talented young woman between the ages of 17 and 22 to reign at the annual riverfront festival in August.

All contestants will be judged on five categories: personality, poise, beauty, knowledge of Polish culture and current events. A recent photograph should accompany a resume of 250 words or less.

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Grace Scalia of the Headline Salons in Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills showed her 1975 fall hairstyle prediction at the American Show in Detroit Monday. Ms. Scalia designed a short, curly style adorned with flowers for the show for leading stylists in the Detroit area. She said that waves and curls are expected to play a dominant role in dressing hair for the coming season.

## You and your pet Pets rarely have cavities

One question often asked of veterinarians during checkups is "Does my pet have any cavities?" Generally, the answer is no. Cats and dogs have surprisingly sturdy teeth and are rarely bothered by cavities that humans are prone to have.

But pets are subject to other

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knuckle or shin bone. A synthetic bone or rubber toy can also be used, but it must be hard enough to scrape the surface of the teeth clean as the dog chews. Never give a dog chicken bones or soft rubber toys which can be chewed up and swallowed.

Because cats do not chew on bones, tartar must be removed by hand. Your veterinarian can do this on a regular basis if you do not want to try it at home. If you have a cooperative cat or dog, use a moist cotton ball dipped in table salt to slow down the buildup of tartar.

There is not too much you can do about teeth that have developed stains or pits because of illness. Various types of infections, especially fever or distemper, will cause pitting and staining of the enamel. A pet with pitted teeth may develop an occasional cavity in its later years; the roughened area provided a place for bacteria to grow.

Some pets will continually chew on debris such as rocks or stones and wear down their teeth over a period of time. To avoid this, you can try to provide a variety of toys to eliminate boredom. Or sprinkle pepper over the offending objects. Generally, worn teeth do not cause major problems for cats or dogs, although dry foods may have to be softened with water at mealtime.

**IF YOUR PET** cracks a tooth in a fight or at play, seek professional attention. If treated promptly, some damaged teeth can be saved. For cases where salvage is impossible, prompt removal will save your pet from discomfort and infection.

Kittens and puppies have their own dental problems. At 12 to 16 weeks old, many lose weight, have mild diarrhea and be generally uncomfortable until the permanent teeth break through. The first set, or milk teeth, are generally swallowed, and the gums will be a little bloody until teething is completed. Cats generally have 28 teeth in a permanent set and dogs have 42.

To make sure your pet's teeth grow in straight and strong, feed them a well-balanced diet after weaning. Your veterinarian can tell you which foods are best, and offer a mineral supplement, if necessary.

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