

Thomas J O'Connor Adoption Center Dental Make-Over's

At the Northampton Veterinary Clinic we are not only committed to our patients but are also committed to those animals that need some extra help at our area shelters. We recently spent some time assisting two dogs from Thomas J. O'Connor Animal Adoption Center in Chicopee with some much needed dental care. Dr. Atkins brought these two furry friends to our office and with the help of our skilled dental technician Kelly and Dr. Connor we were able to fix their dental problems and get them ready to find their forever home.



Meet Bear a five year old male/neutered Chow mix who came to the shelter in January. He arrived at the shelter with a fractured tooth as well as a skin infection. His fractured tooth was not only painful, but it was also causing excessive salivation which exacerbated the skin infection on his chin/neck. At our hospital we cleaned and polished all of his teeth as well as remove the two diseased teeth. We also preformed blood work which indicated that he was hypothyroid and is now being treated for this disease by taking a daily medication. We recently learned that Bear got adopted and is now in his new home giving lots of kisses with his

wonderful breath!

Speedy is a two year old, male/neutered Miniature Pincher who came to the shelter in February. Speedy had a severe fracture to his lower jaw. At our hospital we took a series of dental radiographs to access the fracture. Speedy had a number of tooth roots that were retained in his gum which were removed as well as getting the rest of his teeth cleaned and polished. In order to fix the fracture in his jaw we needed to wire it back together and once this is healed the wire will be removed. The tape you see in the picture is a way to also help stabilize the fracture while it is healing. Speedy is still at the shelter awaiting his new home and will just need him wire removed at the beginning of April. He would love to find a comfy home to finish his recovery.

If you would like more information on either of these dogs please contact:

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