

## THE VITAL NUTRITIONAL NEEDS OF SENIOR PETS

A study in the Journal of Small Animal Practice found that gingivitis risk increases in cats fed wet diets, orange-coated cats, non-hunters, and dribblers at six months. Using data from 860 cats up to six years old, the study showed gingivitis prevalence rose with age, from 24.5% in cats under 12 months to 56.3% in those aged five to six years. Key risk factors include diet, hunting behavior, dribbling, and coat color, while sex was not a factor. Lead author Jess Williams emphasizes the importance of early dental health monitoring for at-risk cats.<sup>1</sup>

### A REPRIEVE FROM **SELF- PROGRESSION** OF AGE- RELATED **NEURONAL** PROBLEMS



## BIRTH OF SUMATRAN TIGER CUB BOOSTS CONSERVATION

Manor Wildlife Park in Wales has announced the birth of Zaza, a Sumatran tiger cub, marking a significant milestone for conservation efforts. Born on May 25, 2024, Zaza is part of one of the world's most endangered tiger subspecies.

Rick Newton, animal manager at the park, praised the team's dedication. The park participates in the Sumatran tiger European breeding program, aiming to protect this critically endangered species. Sumatran tigers face severe threats from habitat loss and poaching, with only about 400 left in the wild.

Zaza's birth highlights the urgent need for continued conservation efforts.

Zaza, the first tiger cub born in a zoo in Wales. (Photo courtesy of Manor Wildlife Park)

## WSAVA UNVEILS NEW GUIDELINES FOR PET STERILIZATION



The World Small Animal Veterinary Association (WSAVA) has released comprehensive guidelines to improve pet sterilization practices. This 136-page document offers evidence-based recommendations for both surgical and nonsurgical methods, tailored to individual pets' needs.

For shelter animals, the guidelines recommend cost-effective permanent sterilization to boost adoption rates. They also suggest alternatives like vasectomy for certain breeds, emphasizing effective pain management and addressing surgical infection risks.

Developed by experts led by Dr. Stefano Romagnoli of the University of Padova, the guidelines are grounded in extensive scientific research. Veterinarians are urged to adopt these practices to ensure optimal outcomes for pets and their owners.

## CHANGES IN THE PET'S BODY, NEEDS CHANGES IN DIET



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# ESSENTIALS Launch



### Bark Out Loud's

Essential Range of Pet Food was launched in Mumbai on July 18 and in Gujarat on July 22, with 50 enthusiastic pet shop owners and retailers in attendance at each event.

