



Young Bichon Frise

Bichon Frises are a happy, gentle and playful breed. You should also know they can be predisposed to the following ailments. Examinations twice a year and routine diagnostics to catch problems early, when they are easiest to treat, are recommended for the life of your dog.

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Periodontal Disease

Description

Periodontal disease, which is inflammation and infection of gum tissue, occurs when plaque and tartar are allowed to build up on teeth. It progresses to gum recession, and bone and tooth loss.

Early Detection

Recommended: oral exams twice a year and annual dental cleanings.

Why Needed

Periodontal disease can contribute to:

- Pain
- Difficulty eating
- Jaw bone and/or tooth loss
- Kidney, liver and heart disease
- Behavioral changes

Urolithiasis

Description

Urolithiasis is the formation of stones in the urinary tract, usually in the kidney or bladder. They are commonly referred to as kidney or bladder stones. These stones irritate the lining of the urinary tract.

Early Detection

Recommended: an annual urinalysis to detect blood or crystals in the urine.

Why Needed

Urolithiasis can contribute to:

- Difficulty urinating
- Blood in the urine
- Kidney damage
- Inability to urinate which can be fatal
- The need for surgery

Glaucoma

Description

Glaucoma is a very painful condition in which fluid in the eye cannot drain as fast as it is being produced, leading to excessive pressure. The pressure crushes the lining of the retina.

Early Detection

Recommended: comprehensive exams twice a year, intraocular pressure check.

Why Needed

Glaucoma can contribute to:

- Extreme pain
- Squinting
- Watery, irritated eyes
- Swollen or bulging eyes
- Blindness

Optimum Wellness Plans® and Bichon Frises

Included in the Active Prevention Plan

- Oral examinations twice a year*
- Annual dental cleaning
- Annual urinalysis
- Intraocular pressure check*

*Part of the comprehensive examination

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