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Kitten Mom's Corner

It's Pet Dental Health Month

February is Pet Dental Health Month!

Did you know that kittens have deciduous or “baby teeth” just like human babies? Kittens are born edentulous or without teeth. The first baby teeth, the incisors, arrive at about 2-4 weeks, with canines (fangs) erupting at 3-4 weeks followed at 5-6 weeks with the premolars. In the same order, permanent teeth will begin erupting at 12-16 weeks finishing with the molars around 20-24 weeks. Checking tooth eruption is a reasonably accurate method for aging kittens up to about 6 months. And, watch out! Those tiny little teeth are needle sharp and can make a big impression even when brand new!

Susan Spaulding is known as the 'Kitten Mom' in the shelter and rescue community. She has 25+ years' experience caring for kittens and is widely celebrated for her expertise with neonatal orphans and special-needs kittens who others have given up on. She is also a co-founder of the National Kitten Coalition.

For more information on Susan, visit www.kittencoalition.org/about-us/leadership.