White paper analyzes changes in dental hygiene education

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Zoo primate takes dental care seriously

Female hamadryas baboon seen using bristle from old broom to clean her teeth

Baboons at Paignton Zoo in Devon, United Kingdom, have learned to floss. A female hamadryas baboon was seen using a bristle from an old broom to clean her teeth.

Paignton Zoo volunteer Liz Chisholm, who took the photos, said: "As I passed Baboon Rock I noticed that the baboons had been given broom heads to play with."

Some young baboons were seen sweeping the ground and providing free meals and the in-house vet team keeps an eye on their health.

"The baboon is called Georgia, a baboon at a zoo in the United Kingdom, taught herself to floss. She's not alone: macaques in Thailand also have been seen flossing using strands of human hair."

(Source: Paignton Zoo)
Barrier protection critical with any dental-care glove

While caring for their patients, dental and health care professionals are constantly exposed to bodily fluids that may carry viruses and other infectious agents. It is therefore critical that the gloves these professionals use provide the best possible barrier protection.

Many types of gloves are available today, but it is important to know that not all gloves have the same barrier capability, depending on the type of material used. For example, natural rubber latex gloves have long been acknowledged for their very effective barrier properties, while non-latex gloves, such as vinyl (polyvinyl chloride), have inferior barrier capability as shown by numerous independent hospital studies to markedly reduce the incidence of latex sensitization and allergic reactions in workplaces. More importantly, latex allergic individuals donning non-latex gloves can now work alongside their coworkers wearing the improved low-protein gloves without any heightened allergy concern.

However, for latex-allergic individuals, it is still important they use appropriate non-latex gloves, such as quality nitrite and polyprene gloves, that provide them with effective barrier protection.

Extended array of brand, prices

Selecting the right gloves should be an educated consideration to enhance safety of both patients and users. For decades, gloves made in Malaysia have been synonymous with quality and excellence, and they are well and available in an extensive array of brands, features and prices.

They can be sourced either factory direct (www.mrępc.com/true and click “medical devices”) or from established dental product distributors in the United States.

(Source: Malaysian Rubber Export Promotion Council)

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