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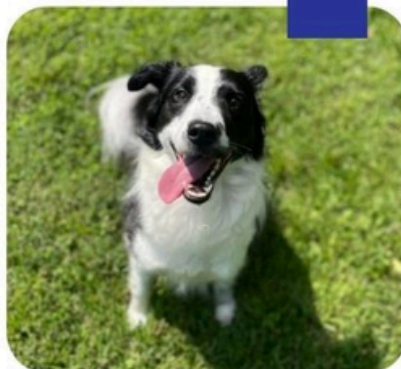
NEWSLETTER

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No Melting Mutts or Toasty Tabbies!

Summer fun is great—but rising temperatures can be dangerous for our furry friends. Heat stroke in pets happens quickly and can be life-threatening if not caught in time. Watch for signs like heavy panting, drooling, weakness, vomiting, or collapse. To help prevent heat stroke, make sure your pet always has access to fresh water and shade, limit outdoor activity during the hottest parts of the day, and never leave them in a parked car. Even a few minutes can be too long. Keeping pets cool and comfortable is the best way to ensure they enjoy a safe and happy summer by your side.



Signs of Heat Stroke in Pets:

- Excessive panting or difficulty breathing
- Drooling or thick, sticky saliva
- Bright red gums or tongue
- Weakness or collapse
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- Disorientation or stumbling
- Rapid heart rate
- Seizures or unconsciousness in severe cases

Note: Cats typically shouldn't pant. Unlike dogs, cats don't pant to cool down. If your cat is panting, it may indicate heat stress, anxiety, or an underlying medical issue and should be treated as a serious concern.



How to Help Prevent Heat Stroke:

- Keep pets indoors during peak heat (10 AM–4 PM)
- Always provide access to fresh, cool water
- Ensure shady areas are available if outside
- Avoid hot pavement—if it's too hot for your hand, it's too hot for their paws
- Limit exercise on hot or humid days
- Never leave pets in a parked car, even for a short time
- Use fans or cooling mats to help keep indoor pets comfortable
- Monitor older pets, flat-faced breeds, and those with health issues closely—they're at higher risk

New Medication Alert!

We're excited to announce that we'll soon be carrying Credelio Quattro - a once-a-month chewable for dogs that provides protection against heartworms, fleas, ticks, and tapeworms.



It starts working quickly, offers improved protection against Lone Star ticks, and covers parasites that our previous preventatives did not, including tapeworms.



Staff Spotlight

Dr. Marisa Clark



Dr. Clark was born in Massachusetts and raised in Florida before settling in Kentucky with her husband, son Jesse, and their pets-Luna the dog and three cats.

She recently traveled to Las Vegas for advanced dental procedure training, attending sessions on small animal dentistry and participating in hands-on labs focused on extractions and radiographic interpretation.

Dr. Clark has a special interest in dermatology and is passionate about providing high-quality, compassionate care. Outside of work, she enjoys hiking and spending time outdoors with her family.



Keep That Purr (or Tail Wag) Going Strong!

SUMMER IS THE PERFECT TIME TO CHECK IN ON YOUR PET'S OVERALL HEALTH. A MID-YEAR WELLNESS EXAM HELPS ENSURE THEY'RE PROTECTED AND FEELING THEIR BEST.

REGULAR CHECK-UPS ALLOW US TO:

- KEEP VACCINES AND PARASITE PREVENTION UP TO DATE
 - MONITOR WEIGHT, NUTRITION, AND LIFESTYLE CHANGES
 - CATCH EARLY SIGNS OF ILLNESS OR DISCOMFORT
 - ADDRESS DENTAL HEALTH BEFORE ISSUES ARISE
- EVEN IF YOUR PET SEEMS PERFECTLY HEALTHY, ROUTINE VISITS HELP US DETECT CHANGES THAT MAY NOT BE OBVIOUS AT HOME. IF IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE THEIR LAST EXAM, NOW IS A GREAT TIME TO SCHEDULE A VISIT. WE'RE HERE TO SUPPORT YOUR PET'S HEALTH EVERY STEP OF THE WAY.

Upcoming Events

JULY
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4th of July

JULY
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Dr. Clark's 4 yr Anniversary

JULY
13

Kayce's 5 year Anniversary

JULY
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Rachael's 25 year Anniversary

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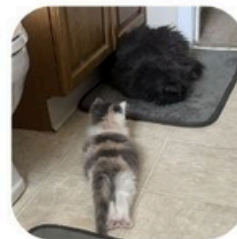
Veterinary Assistant Week

Pet of the Month: Meet Lilly June

Lilly June is a 7-week-old long-haired muted calico-and the only fluffball in her litter of five. Just like her mouser mom, she's a natural hunter who loves chasing toys (or anything that moves). Playful and silly, she also has a calm, affectionate side and enjoys running through the house with her much bigger adopted brother.



She's a big foodie-always curious about what's for dinner and especially fond of anything dairy (except her kitten chow, of course!). Lilly even enjoys car rides, often perched on her owner's shoulder with her sweet, soft meow keeping them company.



A perfect mix of spunky and sweet, Lilly June is truly one-of-a-kind!

Paws and Learn

What's Zoonotic? And Why It's More Than a Funny Word

"Zoonotic" refers to diseases that can be passed between animals and humans. These illnesses, known as zoonotic diseases, can be caused by viruses, bacteria, parasites, or fungi. Some well-known examples include ringworm, Lyme disease, and even certain types of intestinal parasites.

So why is it important? Understanding zoonotic diseases helps keep both pets and people healthy. Practicing good hygiene-like washing your hands after handling animals, cleaning up waste promptly, and staying up to date on your pet's preventive care-can reduce the risk of transmission.

Regular veterinary visits, parasite prevention, and open communication with your vet are key to protecting everyone in the household-furry or not!

Types of Zoonotic Diseases

- Rabies
- Avian Influenza
- Lyme Disease
- Salmonella
- Leptospirosis
- Ringworm
- Sarcoptic (mange)
- Intestinal Parasites
- Toxoplasmosis

Booms and Barks: How to Keep Your Pet Safe During Fireworks

Fireworks may be a festive way to celebrate summer holidays, but for many pets, they're downright terrifying. The loud noises, flashing lights, and unfamiliar smells can cause serious anxiety—and even pose safety risks. As fireworks season approaches, here are some helpful tips to keep your furry friends calm, comfortable, and safe.

Create a Safe Space - Set up a quiet, comfy spot indoors.

Keep Them Inside - Close doors and windows to prevent escape.

Check ID Tags - Make sure tags and microchips are current.

Muffle the Noise - Use fans, music, or white noise.

Try Calming Aids - Ask your vet about Thundershirts, pheromones, or meds.

Skip the Firework Shows - Leave pets at home where it's quiet.

Stay Calm - Your energy helps keep them relaxed.

Offer Distractions - Use treats or toys to keep them focused.



A little preparation can go a long way in keeping your pet happy and safe this fireworks season. Reach out to us if you have questions or need recommendations!