

Newsletter

Erlanger Veterinary Hospital



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NO PET LEFT BEHIND: EMERGENCY PLANNING MADE EASY

Emergency Preparedness for
Pets: Be Ready Before the Storm

When disaster strikes—whether it's a flood, tornado, or severe storm—being prepared can make all the difference. Your pets rely on you for safety, and having a plan in place helps reduce stress and ensures their well-being during an emergency. Just like your family, your pets should be included in your disaster kit and evacuation plans.

Looking to prepare for an emergency with your pet? The full checklist of essentials is on page 2 of this newsletter.

EVH summer outing at
World of Golf
to Putt-Putt!

Thank You for Voting Us #1!

We are thrilled to share that Erlanger Veterinary Hospital has been voted the #1 Veterinarian in Northern Kentucky in this year's Best of NKY awards!

**BEST
OF
NKY**

This recognition means the world to our entire team, and it's all thanks to you—our incredible clients and community. Your support, trust, and votes are what keep us striving to provide the very best care every day. From all of us, thank you for being a part of our EVH family!

Pet Emergency Checklist: What to Have and Do

- LEASH, HARNESS, OR CARRIER – ALWAYS KEEP THESE ACCESSIBLE FOR QUICK EVACUATION
- FOOD & WATER (3-5 DAYS' SUPPLY) – DON'T FORGET BOWLS AND A MANUAL CAN OPENER IF NEEDED
- MEDICATIONS – INCLUDE A LIST OF INSTRUCTIONS AND DOSAGE IN A WATERPROOF BAG
- COPY OF MEDICAL RECORDS – KEEP PROOF OF VACCINATIONS AND ID TAGS
- PET FIRST-AID KIT – BANDAGES, ANTISEPTIC, TWEEZERS, AND VET CONTACT INFO
- COMFORT ITEMS – BLANKET, FAVORITE TOY, OR SOMETHING FAMILIAR TO REDUCE ANXIETY
- WASTE SUPPLIES – LITTER BOX & LITTER, POOP BAGS, OR PUPPY PADS
- CURRENT PHOTO OF YOUR PET – IN CASE YOU BECOME SEPARATED
- EMERGENCY CONTACT LIST – INCLUDE YOUR VET, LOCAL SHELTERS, AND NEARBY ANIMAL HOSPITALS
- SAFE SHELTER PLAN – KNOW WHERE PET-FRIENDLY SHELTERS OR HOTELS ARE LOCATED
- MICROCHIP INFO – MAKE SURE IT'S REGISTERED AND UP TO DATE "IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE VERIFYING THE MICROCHIP IS UP TO DATE, OUR STAFF WOULD LOVE TO HELP!"

Upcoming Events

Aug 7

Jenna's 17 yr Anniversary

Aug 15

Check the Chip Day

Aug 20

City of Erlanger Summer Sendoff

Aug 22

Brian's 3 yr Anniversary

Meet Teddy

Teddy is a 12-year-old rescue who found his forever home earlier this year after passing through the spay/neuter clinic where his new owner works. After a tough start in life, he now spends his days enjoying the good life—snuggling with his younger sister Mango and taking in the sights on hikes from the comfort of his little backpack.



Pet of the Month



Don't let his age or size fool you—Teddy has a huge personality! He's known for zooming around the house with the cats, tongue always hanging out and full of energy. And while he doesn't have any teeth, he never misses out on treats—Churu snacks are his absolute favorite. From rescue to adventure pup, Teddy is proof that it's never too late for a fresh start and a happy life!

Kayce recently celebrated her 5-year anniversary in the veterinary field, and she's been a true jack of all trades from the start! Whether she's assisting in surgery, answering phones, or jumping in to help wherever needed, she brings her A-game and signature sense of humor every day.

She's known for being a passionate patient advocate who takes the time to ensure every client feels informed and every pet receives top-notch care.

When she's not at work, Kayce enjoys golfing, video games, and spending time with her husband, their son Fletcher, and their three dogs—Heidi, Lilly, and Otis.

Staff Spotlight Kayce

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Scratch That! Itchy Pet Awareness Month Is Here



If your pet is doing more scratching, licking, or head-shaking than usual, it's not just in your head—it could be a sign something deeper is going on. Welcome to Itchy Pet Awareness Month, where we shine a light on what might be behind all that itching and how you can help your furry friend feel more comfortable.



What's Behind the Itch?

Pets itch for lots of reasons, and while the occasional scratch is totally normal, persistent itching could point to:

- Allergies (to food, pollen, dust, or fleas)
- Parasites (yes, even indoor pets can get fleas or mites!)
- Dry skin (common in seasonal changes or due to bathing issues)
- Skin infections (bacterial or fungal)
- Underlying medical conditions (like hormonal imbalances)

Whatever the cause, chronic itching isn't just annoying—it can lead to skin damage, hair loss, and even infections. That's why it's important to take it seriously.

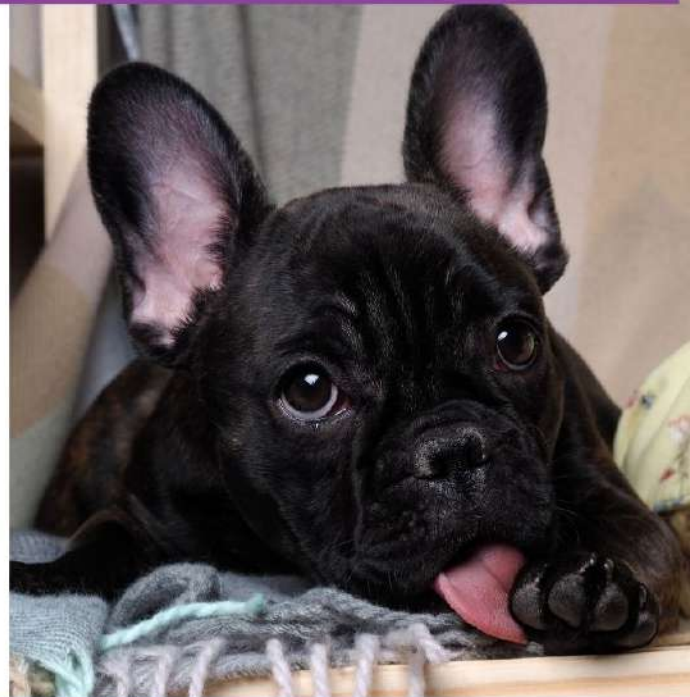
When Scratching Gets Serious

Some signs your pet's itching might need a vet visit:

- Constant licking, chewing, or scratching
- Red, inflamed, or flaky skin
- Hair loss or bald patches
- Head shaking or ear scratching
- Odor from skin or ears

What Can You Do?

The good news? Help is just a visit away! We can work with you to uncover the cause of your pet's discomfort—whether that means allergy testing, dietary changes, flea control, or medication. The sooner we get started, the sooner your pet can start feeling better.



Fun Fact:

Dogs and cats don't always scratch when they're itchy—licking paws, scooting, or rubbing against furniture can all be signs of irritation too!