

Providing education and compassionate care to our community and their pets.



Erlanger Veterinary Hospital

# Newsletter

January 2026

As we ring in the New Year, it's the perfect time to make your pet's health a priority. Start 2026 off on the right paw by scheduling your pet's annual wellness exam, checking that vaccines and preventatives are up to date, and ensuring you have refills on any needed medications. A healthy year begins with proactive care and we're here to help every step of the way.



Holiday photo fun!

## Giving Tree Success — Thank You for Sharing the Holiday Spirit

Last month our lobby was filled with more than just holiday decorations—it was filled with generosity, compassion, and community spirit. Thanks to the incredible support of our clients and team, our Giving Tree for the Kenton County Animal Shelter was a wonderful success.

Because of your kindness, we were able to collect an abundance of much-needed items, including food, treats, toys, and other essentials that will directly benefit shelter pets awaiting their forever homes. Every tag taken and every donation made helped bring comfort and care to animals during the holiday season.

We are truly grateful to everyone who participated. Your generosity reminds us how fortunate we are to be part of such a caring community. From all of us at Erlanger Veterinary Hospital, thank you for helping us spread warmth, hope, and love to pets in need—proving that the spirit of giving lasts well beyond the holidays.



# Step Into Adventure – National Walk Your Pet Month!

January is the perfect time to refresh your routine and enjoy some outdoor time with your four-legged friend! National Walk Your Pet Month encourages us to get moving, breathe fresh air, and strengthen the bond we share with our pets. Regular walks support a healthy weight, reduce stress, and provide much-needed mental enrichment – for both you and your pet.

Here are some great walking and hiking spots in Northern Kentucky where leashed pets are welcome:

## Safe & Scenic Places to Walk or Hike with Your Dog

- Devou Park (Covington) - Miles of paved and natural trails with beautiful overlooks and plenty of space to explore.
- Central Park (Union) - A peaceful trail system perfect for leisurely strolls with your pup.
- England-Idlewild Park (Burlington) - A variety of wooded and open trails ideal for longer walks.
- A.J. Jolly Park (Alexandria) - A large, scenic park with lakeside walking paths and nature trails.
- Big Bone Lick State Park (Union) - Easy to moderate trails through wooded areas and open fields; great for adventurous pups.
- Pioneer Park (Covington/Independence) - Wide, paved trails great for families and pets alike.
- Tower Park Trails (Fort Thomas) - Shaded, well-maintained trails that make for a comfortable walk year-round.
- Fox Run Park (Erlanger) - Quiet, wooded walking paths perfect for a relaxing stroll with your dog.

## Pet of the Month

Where to begin with Roach?

Roach is incredibly food-motivated and has a talent for chewing his pills like treats, which always keeps his family on their toes. He truly loves just about everything, including pickles, apples, and oranges.

When it comes to playtime, tennis balls and his owner's old socks are his top picks.

His all-time favorite treats, though, are Greenies toothbrush chews – especially the minty ones.

If you're wondering about his green paws in the photo, don't worry – they're just from walking through freshly cut grass!

# Roach



## January at a Glance

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New Years Day –  
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Jeannine's 16 yr  
Anniversary

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National Bird Day

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Paige's 2 yr  
Anniversary

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Peanut Butter Day

# Cold Weather, Not Bug-Free Weather!

Just because the temperatures have dropped doesn't mean fleas and ticks have packed it in for the winter. We're still seeing plenty of patients with unwanted hitchhikers, even when there's snow on the ground! Ticks are surprisingly tough and can remain active during cold months.



Keeping your pet on year-round flea and tick prevention is the best way to protect them and keep those pesky bugs away all season long.



## Cold weather safety

- ❄️ Use pet safe de-icing products only
- ❄️ Shorten walks in very cold weather
- ❄️ Stay away from frozen ponds, lakes and creeks
- ❄️ Consider a sweater or coat, if your cold, they are cold
- ❄️ Check under your car/hood before starting the engine
- ❄️ Check your dogs paws frequently for signs of irritation or injury