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Newsletter



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SPRING INTO HEALTH

Spring Wellness & Prevention Reminder

Spring is the perfect time to schedule your pet's annual wellness exam and make sure vaccines are up to date before the busy spring and summer months.



Routine wellness visits allow our team to catch small concerns early, review lifestyle changes, and ensure your pet is protected before travel, boarding, grooming, or outdoor adventures begin.

As temperatures rise, parasite activity increases, and we've seen fleas, ticks, and heartworms in our area during all seasons. Ticks can become active in cooler weather, and heartworm disease is transmitted by mosquitoes, making year-round prevention essential. Keeping your pet on consistent flea, tick, and heartworm prevention helps protect them from serious illness and discomfort all year long.

SPRING IS ALL ABOUT FRESH STARTS! LET'S MAKE SURE YOUR PET IS STARTING THE SEASON OUT HEALTHY, PROTECTED, AND READY FOR WHATEVER ADVENTURES LIE AHEAD. GIVE US A CALL TO SCHEDULE YOUR PET'S WELLNESS VISIT TODAY.

We'd love to hear from you! As we plan to share more feline-focused education, what cat topics would you like to learn more about? Send your ideas to jenna.flesch@erlangervethospital.com
We can't wait to hear from you!

Fun fact!

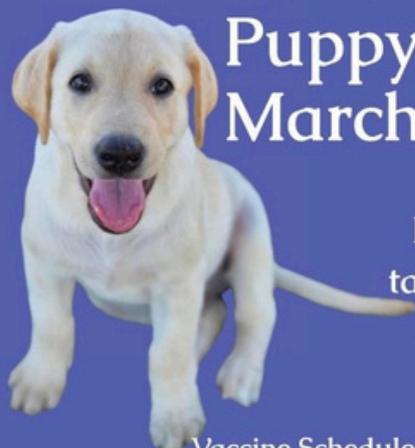
As the days get longer in spring, many pets become more active because increased daylight naturally boosts their energy levels just like it does for us! That extra sunshine often means more playtime, zoomies, and outdoor exploring!

Employee Spotlight: Lily



Join us in welcoming our newest Customer Service Representative! You'll see her smiling face at the front desk and may hear her friendly voice when you call the office. Be sure to say hello! To learn more about Lily, check out our social media pages.

National Puppy Day is March 23 🐾



National Puppy Day is the perfect time to celebrate those wiggly tails and big puppy eyes, while also setting your new best friend up for a healthy future. The puppy stage is not only adorable, it's a critical time for learning, growth, and preventive care.

Vaccine Schedules for Puppies

Puppies need a series of vaccinations starting around 6-8 weeks of age and continuing every few weeks until about 16 weeks old. These vaccines protect against serious illnesses such as parvovirus, distemper, and rabies. Staying on schedule is essential to ensure your puppy is fully protected as their immune system develops.

Preventive Care for Growing Pets

Preventive care goes beyond vaccines. Regular wellness exams, parasite prevention, proper nutrition, and early dental care all play a role in lifelong health. Preventive care plans can make it easier to stay on track by bundling essential services into affordable monthly payments as your puppy grows.

Puppy Socialization Tips

Early socialization helps puppies grow into confident, well-adjusted adult dogs. Safely expose your puppy to new sights, sounds, people, and experiences during their early months. Puppy classes, short car rides, gentle handling, and positive interactions (once appropriately vaccinated) all help build good behavior and reduce fear later in life.



Pet of the Month

Chewy



Meet Chewy! She is her family's resident queen of comfort and cuddles! If there's a soft couch, a warm lap, or a cozy blanket nearby, Chewy has already claimed it.

She lives for pets and will gladly stay by your side as long as the love keeps coming.

With her calm, affectionate nature, she'd make an incredible therapy dog. She has a special way of making everyone feel instantly at ease.

Chewy also takes her toys very seriously and can empty an entire toy bin in minutes while searching for the perfect one.

When she's not cuddling humans or on a toy mission, she's happily spending time with her best friend, Luna. Truly, everyone needs a Chewy in their life.



March is Poison Prevention Month: Tips for Preventing Pet Poisoning at Home

Household hazards for pets can feel overwhelming, but a few simple steps can go a long way in keeping them safe. Start by identifying potential dangers and keeping them out of reach. Store cleaning supplies in locked cabinets, place hazardous items on high shelves, and secure automotive products in the garage.

Additional ways to help prevent pet poisoning include:

- Research houseplants before purchasing them and avoid plants that are toxic to pets.
- Remove toxic plants from your home or keep them completely out of reach.
- Never leave food or ingredients unattended while cooking or baking, and clean spills promptly.
- Use pet gates to restrict access to areas where potentially harmful substances are in use.
- Allow floors and surfaces to fully dry after cleaning before letting pets back into the area.
- Always consult your veterinarian before introducing new products or treatments into your pet's routine.



Taking a proactive approach at home helps reduce the risk of accidental poisoning and keeps your pets safe and healthy.

Common Household Plants That Are Toxic to Pets

MANY POPULAR HOUSEPLANTS CAN BE HARMFUL TO PETS IF CHEWED OR INGESTED. DOGS AND CATS ARE NATURALLY CURIOUS, AND EVEN A SMALL NIBBLE CAN LEAD TO SYMPTOMS RANGING FROM MILD STOMACH UPSET TO SERIOUS ILLNESS. KNOWING WHICH PLANTS POSE A RISK CAN HELP KEEP YOUR PETS SAFE AT HOME.

Common toxic plants include:

- Lilies – Extremely dangerous for cats; even small exposures can cause kidney failure.
- Pothos (Devil's Ivy) – Can cause mouth irritation, drooling, vomiting, and difficulty swallowing.
- Philodendron – Similar to pothos, often causes oral pain and gastrointestinal upset.
- Snake Plant (Sansevieria) – May lead to nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea.
- Aloe Vera – Can cause vomiting, diarrhea, and lethargy if ingested.
- Peace Lily – Causes oral irritation, drooling, and vomiting (true lilies are far more dangerous).
- Sago Palm – Highly toxic; ingestion can result in liver failure and can be fatal.
- ZZ Plant (Zamioculcas) – Can cause stomach upset and irritation of the mouth and throat.
- Dieffenbachia (Dumb Cane) – Causes intense mouth irritation, swelling, and drooling.



Top Pet Toxins treated by Veterinarians

- Garden Products
- Plants & Flowers
- Insecticides & Rodenticides
- Cleaning Products
- Recreational & Illegal Drugs
- Human Medications
- Some Human Foods

Important Phone Numbers

Pet Poison Helpline
888-426-7661

ASPCA Animal Poison Center
888-426-4435

Veterinary Emergency Group
513-653-3930

