

Newsletter

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Think Flea & Tick Season Is Over? Think Again!

Don't pack away the flea and tick prevention just yet! Many tick species remain active into the fall, and some can even survive through frost.



Did you know the flea life cycle lasts about three months? If your pet has fleas, they should stay on flea prevention for three consecutive months, and your home should be treated to help eliminate the infestation.

Year round prevention is the best way to protect your pet from fleas, ticks, and the diseases they can carry. If you have questions about the best option for your pet, give us a call!

Back to School, Back to Better Health



As the kids head back to school and the busy days of summer begin to slow down, it's the perfect time to refocus on your pet's health. Make sure your furry family member is up to date on their wellness exam, vaccines, and year round parasite prevention to keep them healthy and protected.



Did you know Erlanger Veterinary Hospital offers wellness plans for pets of all ages? Our plans include the preventive care our doctors recommend and spread the cost into convenient monthly payments throughout the year. It's an easy way to stay on top of your pet's healthcare while making it more affordable for your family's budget.

Give us a call to learn more or schedule your pet's next wellness visit. Your pet deserves a healthy start to every season!

Rabies Is Closer Than You Think

Recent news reports have confirmed several cases of rabies in areas not far from Northern Kentucky. While hearing about rabies can be alarming, the good news is that it is almost entirely preventable through routine vaccination.

Rabies is a fatal disease that affects mammals, including dogs, cats, and people. Keeping your pet's rabies vaccine up to date is the best way to protect your family, your pets, and our community. In Kentucky, rabies vaccination is required by law for dogs, cats, and ferrets.



Even pets that spend most of their time indoors can be at risk. Bats are one of the most common carriers of rabies in our region and can occasionally enter homes.

If you find a bat in your home:

- Do not let the bat escape outdoors.
- Safely confine it to the room where it was found, if possible.
- Contact your local Animal Control agency. They may recommend testing the bat for rabies, especially if there is any chance a person or pet had contact with it.

If your pet has been exposed to a bat or other wildlife, contact Erlanger Veterinary Hospital right away. Our team will verify your pet's rabies vaccination status and discuss the next steps based on your pet's specific situation.

Not sure if your pet is due for a rabies vaccine? Give us a call. We're happy to review your pet's records and help keep them protected.



A simple vaccine can save lives. Keeping your pet current on their rabies vaccination is one of the easiest and most important ways to protect your pet, your family, and our community.

Upcoming Events

Aug 7

Jenna's 18 year Anniversary

Aug 15

Check the Chip Day

Aug 22

Brian's 4 year Anniversary

Aug 28

Rainbow Bridge Remembrance Day

Pet of the Month Tessa

Meet Tessa Persons, a 10 year old Border Collie who proudly runs the Persons household in Independence, Kentucky! Born in Oklahoma to champion Border Collie parents, Tessa decided that ribbons and competitions weren't for her. Instead, she chose a life of making others smile.



As a certified therapy dog with Pet Partners of Greater Cincinnati, Tessa has spent years brightening the days of patients, families, students, and staff at St. Elizabeth Hospitals, Cincinnati Children's Hospital, the Ronald McDonald House, Summerside Elementary School, and many other community organizations.

Tessa also plays an important role at home, helping her family foster Border Collies through Clancy's Dream Border Collie Rescue.



Whenever a new foster arrives, Tessa takes her job very seriously, spending the first couple of days quietly observing the newcomer before deciding how she'd like to interact. Once her foster friend finds their forever home, Tessa happily returns to being the cheerful, loving companion everyone knows.

Whether she's comforting someone in need or helping a rescue dog adjust to a new environment, Tessa proves that kindness comes in four paws. Thank you, Tessa, for making such a positive impact on so many lives. We're honored to recognize you as our Pet of the Month!

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!