

NEWSLETTER

Erlanger Veterinary Hospital



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For the Love of Pets: Celebrating Our Vet Techs

HAPPY CREDENTIALLED VETERINARY TECHNICIANS WEEK: ENDLESS COMPASSION, EXPERT CARE; CELEBRATING THE SOUL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE!

October 18 - 24 is National Veterinary Technician Week, and we are excited to recognize the hardworking veterinary technicians who play such an important role in caring for our patients every day!

Annie



Becoming a Licensed Veterinary Technician (LVT) takes education, hands on training, and dedication. LVTs typically complete a two year associate degree in Veterinary Technology, which includes extensive coursework, clinical training, and often an externship. After graduating, they must also pass the Veterinary Technician National Examination (VTNE) and meet state licensing requirements.

Veterinary technicians do so much behind the scenes. From assisting with surgery and monitoring anesthesia to performing lab work, taking radiographs, caring for hospitalized patients, comforting nervous pets, and educating clients, they combine medical knowledge with compassion every single day.



Brittany

Nick



At Erlanger Veterinary Hospital, we are incredibly proud to have four Licensed Veterinary Technicians on our team. The time and dedication they have put into their education and careers demonstrates their commitment to bettering themselves and providing exceptional care for the pets who depend on them.

We are so grateful for the knowledge, skills, compassion, and genuine love for animals our technicians bring to our hospital every day. If you see one of our amazing LVTs during your next visit, be sure to thank them for everything they do!



Shannon

Pet of the Month: *Mabel*

Meet Mabel, a sweet rescue who found her forever family at a local PetSmart adoption event!



For her entire first year at home, Mabel never barked. Her family assumed they had simply adopted a very quiet dog. Turns out, Mabel just needed some time to settle in! Once she realized she was safe and this was truly her home, she found her voice and took on the very important job of neighborhood patrol, with the mailman receiving some extra special attention.

Mabel also knows exactly what she likes. A few of her favorite words are "wet food," "grandma," and "park", and she has no trouble recognizing any of them!

Although Mabel can still be nervous about many things, she has blossomed into a loyal, loving, and very vocal member of her family. We're so happy to celebrate sweet Mabel as our Pet of the Month!



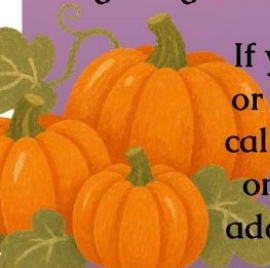
Pumpkin for Pets: Helpful or Hype?

Pumpkin isn't just for fall decorations and pies! Plain, 100% pumpkin contains fiber and can sometimes help support healthy digestion in dogs and cats experiencing mild constipation or diarrhea.

But pumpkin isn't a cure for every upset stomach. Vomiting, diarrhea, constipation, or changes in appetite can have many different causes, and adding pumpkin could delay getting to the real problem.



If your pet is experiencing ongoing or severe digestive issues, give us a call. And remember, plain pumpkin only. Pumpkin pie filling contains added sugar and spices and should stay off your pet's menu!



Upcoming Events



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Miranda's 3rd Anniversary

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18-24

Credentialed
Vet Tech Week

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26-30

EVH Pumpkin
Decorating Contest

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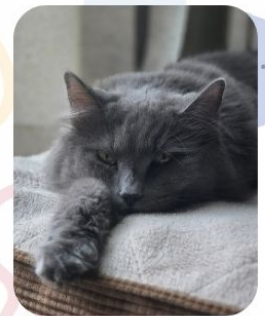
Halloween

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Halloween safety!!

Cats Are Masters at Hiding Illness *Global Cat Day - October 16*

Cats are experts at hiding when they don't feel well, which means illness can sometimes go unnoticed until it becomes more serious.

Watch for subtle changes like hiding more, eating or drinking differently, weight loss, changes in litter box habits, decreased grooming, sleeping more, or no longer jumping onto favorite spots. Even small changes in your cat's normal routine can be important clues.



Regular wellness exams and routine bloodwork can help uncover health concerns before obvious symptoms appear.

This Global Cat Day, give your cat a little extra love and remember that knowing what's normal for your cat can help you recognize when something isn't.

HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS FOR PETS

Halloween is full of costumes, candy, and fun, but it can also bring hidden dangers for our pets. From spooky decorations to tempting treats, it's important to take a few precautions to keep your furry family members safe during the holiday.

Candy Safety

- No chocolate - Chocolate contains theobromine and caffeine, both toxic to dogs and cats. The darker the chocolate, the more dangerous it is.
- Beware of xylitol - Found in sugar-free candies and gum, this sweetener can cause life-threatening drops in blood sugar and liver failure in dogs.
- Watch the wrappers - Foil and plastic can cause choking or blockages if swallowed.
- Keep candy out of reach - Store trick-or-treat bags and candy bowls in closed containers, far away from curious paws and noses.
- Have safe alternatives - Stock up on pet-friendly treats so your furry friend can enjoy a special snack while the humans indulge.

Halloween should be fun, not frightening for your pets. By keeping candy secured, decorations safe, and your pet's comfort in mind, you can ensure a safe and happy holiday for the whole family.



Other Halloween Hazards

- Decorations - Glow sticks, candles, and fake cobwebs can be hazardous if chewed or swallowed. Keep décor out of reach.
- Costume caution - If you dress your pet up, make sure the costume is comfortable, allows movement, and doesn't block breathing, hearing, or vision.
- Stranger danger - Constant doorbell ringing and people in costumes can stress pets. Consider keeping them in a quiet room away from the action.
- Escape risks - With doors opening frequently for trick-or-treaters, pets may slip outside. Keep ID tags and microchips up to date just in case.