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Free Nail Trim with Annual Exam

Protect Your Dog From The Triple Threat



Flea Facts:

- A single female flea can lay up to 50 eggs per day.

- There are over 2,200 species of fleas worldwide.
- Fleas are the source of the most common dermatitis in pets.

Flea control is a vital part of pet ownership. You, your family and your pets can be affected by these tiny, blood-sucking pests.

Heartworm Facts:

- Thousands of dogs each

year are infected with heartworm disease.

- A single bite from an infected mosquito can transmit heartworms to your dog.

- Any dog can contract heartworm, *even if they never go outside.*

Intestinal Parasite Facts:

- Roundworm and hookworm are the two most common parasite infections in dogs.

- Some intestinal parasites can be fatal, especially to puppies.

- Intestinal parasites are difficult to detect. Only a veterinarian can diagnose them.

- Intestinal parasites in pets can also infect human families.

As of this month, there's a new way to protect your dog from these parasites that creep, jump and are even carried through the air.

Trifexis is a monthly chewable tablet for dogs that kills fleas, prevents heartworm disease and treats and controls

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A Message From Dr. Mattox



We have survived the ordeal of repainting. Incredibly, the painters

used a total of 16 different coordinating colors (I promise it doesn't look like a rainbow)!

We have scrubbed and vacuumed every nook and

cranny, made donations to thrift stores, yard sales and reorganized storage areas.



Children's Play Area

We are in the process of hanging our art work and putting on the finishing touches, but the end is in sight!

Please stop in to see our new look.

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National Poison Prevention Week



The ASPCA is sending a coast-to-coast alert to pet owners during National Poison Prevention Week about common household products that can be dangerous and even deadly to pets. Thousands of dogs and cats needlessly suffer and many die each year by accidental ingestion of household poisons, including popular houseplants and common foods.

Even small amounts of chocolate, onions, macadamia nuts and bread dough can be dangerous. Common houseplants that are toxic to both dogs and cats include lilies, sago palms, philodendron and bird of paradise.

The ASPCA offers the following guidelines to protect pets from poisonings:

- Keep all drugs out of your pets' reach in closed cabinets. Painkillers, cold medicines, antidepressants, vitamins and diet pills can be lethal to animals, even in small doses.
- Never give your pets

medication unless you are directed to do so by your veterinarian. Human medicine is not for pets.

- Always read the label before administering medication. Some flea products for dogs can be deadly if given to cats.

To help pet owners learn how to make their homes poison safe, the ASPCA invites pet owners to visit their website to learn more about pet poison safety - not only during National Poison Prevention Week, but throughout the year.

www.aspc.org/pet-care/poison-control



Survey Says.....

More than half of Canadian pet owners polled say animals are more reliable than people.

Ninety percent of pet owners revealed that they talk to their pets and sixty one percent say their neighbors talk to them more when they have their pet with them.

Another survey recently listed the most unusual pet names for 2010.

Dog names included: Pickle Von Corndog, Badonkadonk and Dog Vader.

Cat names included: Purr Diem, Bing Clawsby, Chairman Meow, Optimus Pants and Admiral Pancake.

Frontline Clearance

Save 40% on limited quantities of Frontline. Sizes available include: Canine 23-44#, 89-132# and Feline.



Mac's Mews.....



Mac

Did you know that 35% of pets are overweight? Here are some examples of

snacks that can pack the pounds onto your pet.

Too many snacks add up fast. What may seem like a little to you could equal a whole meal for your pet.

Snack fed to 10 pound cat



Single Potato Chip



1 oz Cheddar Cheese



1 Cup Whole Milk

Human Caloric Equivalent # of Hamburgers



Remember, an extra 4 pounds on a 10 pound cat is like an extra 50 pounds on you. Give your pet praise, attention, toys, fun and games or massages as healthy rewards.

Helping your pet to shed unwanted pounds will keep him healthier and happier.

Until next month...

Mac

Don't Ignore That Lump

One of the golden rules of veterinary and human medicine alike, is that early detection of medical problems will help the patient have a better chance to recover..

If your pet develops a lump, there may be several underlying causes. These include allergic reactions, abscesses, hernias and tumors.

The most serious of these are tumors which are either benign (slow growing and remain in one place) or malignant (fast growing

and may spread to other parts of the body).



If you do discover a lump on your pet, it is important that your veterinarian examine your pet as soon as possible to determine the underlying cause and begin whatever treatment may be necessary.

Remember, frequent grooming and petting of your pet allows you to keep a watchful eye for any lumps, bumps, fleas, ticks and a host of other problems.

Just For Fun



March Specials

Free nail trim for your pet with his / her annual examination!

Offer expires 3/31/11.

Save up to \$20 on the purchase of a 12 month supply of heartworm preventative. Ask us for details.

Buy (6) doses of Feline Revolution, get (1) dose free.



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adult hookworm,
roundworm and whipworm
infections.

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your dog and your family.

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trusted active ingredients,
Spinosad (the active
ingredient in Comfortis)
and Milbemycin (the active
ingredient found in
Interceptor). Together,
they provide protection for
your dog against these
three kinds of dangerous
parasites.



Trifexis
(spinosad + milbemycin oxime)