



The Official Newsletter of

Companion Animal Hospital

and

Paws Inn

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Spring



Spring is here, finally!! Just when you thought that it would never come, it arrives with much awaited anticipation. Time to awake from your winter hibernation and catch up on the latest news from CAH. Pick up a few pet traveling tips, learn about what flea medications not to use and join us as we say good-bye to a part of our family.

Paws Inn

A Friendly Reminder

The summer months are the busiest time of year for Paws Inn, so to ensure that your pet is able to stay with us during your vacation this year, please call ahead early. Our groomers are now accepting appointments for summer grooming.

We would like to welcome Bonnie Schlagel as our new kennel manager!!

All vaccines must be up to date in order to board or groom at Paws Inn.

This includes a Kennel Cough vaccine for dogs. (Kennel cough is a bronchitis that is highly contagious to other dogs).

Pet Travel Tips



'Tis the season for family road trips and vacations. Here are some useful tips for whether you plan on taking your four-legged friends along on your next trip or just a short drive to your veterinary office.

1. Keep your pet in a safe and secure compartment. This includes a well-ventilated crate or carrier. Make sure the crate/carrier is large enough that your pet can stand, sit, lie down and turn around comfortably. It is helpful to allow your pet to get used to the crate/carrier in your home prior to the trip.
2. Take your pet on a couple of trips around the neighborhood to allow your pet to become used to riding in the car. Gradually lengthen the time of the trips each time.
3. Feeding your pet 2-4 hours prior to a trip is encouraged. This will help prevent motion sickness while in the car.
4. Make sure to have your pet's food, bowls, leash, toys, medications and any necessary paperwork from your veterinarian on hand.
5. Make sure your pet has proper ID. Your pet should have a collar on with your name, home address, home phone number, cell phone number and any other relevant contact information.
6. Bring along bottled water or water from home. Drinking water from an uncommon place may cause a stomach upset.
7. If traveling across state lines, make sure you have the proper paper work. Bring along your pet's rabies vaccination record, it may be required.
8. **Never leave your pet alone in a parked car!** A parked car can become extremely hot during the summer months, even with the windows open. Likewise, a car can become extremely cold during the winter. A pet can easily die in a car as a result of heatstroke or hypothermia.

**Ask about how Slentrol can help your dog
take off those unwanted pounds!!**

The Pet Gazette

Over the Counter Flea Products



The misuse of flea and tick products can be extremely harmful or even deadly to our companion animals. Cats can react very differently than dogs to some insecticides. Because of this, some products that are safely used on dogs can be deadly to cats, even in a small amount. The ASPCA's Poison Control Center receives thousands of calls a year from cat owners who have applied their dog's flea product on their cat. This misuse results in the cat having tremors, seizures and even death. The cause of this reaction is due to the permethrin insecticide that is found to be one of the main ingredients in the over the counter flea and tick products. The permethrin insecticide has a good margin of safety when used on dogs, but even the smallest amount can be lethal to cats. Most cats who are exposed to the product and show signs of toxicity, have a good chance of recovery with prompt and aggressive treatment by your veterinarian. Treatment may include medication to help control the seizures and tremors, IV fluids, bathing of the treated area to help remove any remaining medication that may be on the hair coat and other supportive care. To help avoid this situation, CAH highly recommends using Advantage or Frontline. These two products do not contain these types of insecticides and therefore are extremely safe to use on dogs and cats.

Good Luck Dr. Irwin!!



After eight years of being a part of the CAH family, Dr. Irwin will be leaving us. For those of you who do not know, Dr. Irwin will be taking maternity leave to have her third child, due in April. Dr. Irwin and family will then be moving to Tennessee this summer in order for her husband, Dr. Pokorny, to further pursue a residency in diagnostic imaging at the University of Tennessee. While the doctors here at CAH continue their search for another full time doctor, Dr. Beth Miller and Dr. Josh Sprague will be filling in. Doctors Miller and Sprague are both experienced local veterinarians who we trust to give expert care. Until a full time doctor is hired, we ask for your patience in scheduling. Please call at least 2 weeks in advance for annual wellness appointments. Dr. Irwin will be sadly missed by all of us here at CAH. We wish her the best of luck with everything!!!

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