



The Official Newsletter of

Companion Animal Hospital

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Paws Inn

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The Pet Gazette

Fall

With the beautiful array of changing leaves around us, we notice that fall has once again crept up on us. These days, time just seems to slip right through our fingers. To help regain some of that time, read about how Convenia can take the hassle out of medicating your pet for bacterial skin infections. Also, save time finding a lost pet by selecting a method of pet I.D. that would work best for you and your companion.

Paws Inn

Now available:

Buddy Biscuits

a hypoallergenic/all natural biscuit for dogs with flavors such as sweet potato, peanut butter, veggie and roasted chicken (all biscuits are corn free, select varieties are corn and wheat free)

Ultra Dog Food

a holistic diet for all stages of life (puppy, adult, small breed adult, senior and weight management)

Convenia, What Is It?

The doctors at Companion Animal Hospital are always learning about the newest and most advanced medical treatments for your pet. One of the new treatments available is Convenia, an injectable antibiotic treatment that lasts for 14 days. Learn how this medication works and if it is right for your pet.

Because many of our clients are busy with work, family and other things, the doctors here at CAH thought that Convenia would be well accepted among our clients as an alternative to giving oral medications. Convenia is a single injection of antibiotic that is equivalent to 14 days of oral antibiotics. Convenia assures that your pet is receiving the proper dose, with no chance of a missed dose.

Convenia is commonly used in patients that are diagnosed with bacterial skin infections which require antibiotic treatment. If left untreated, bacterial skin infections can lead to other more serious medical problems. Typically when treating infections, the patient must receive all of the prescribed antibiotic. Owners may feel as though it is ok to stop giving oral antibiotics once the infection looks better, but that is not the case. If the medication is not given properly, the infection tends to reoccur. Convenia alleviates this concern by providing a full course of uninterrupted antibiotic treatment. Convenia is safe for both dogs and cats, and there is no need for the owner to stop giving their pet other medications they may be on (flea medication, heartworm medication, etc...).

Convenia can ensure that your pet receives the proper treatment of antibiotic without the concern of a missed dose or off scheduled dose. Whether your pet has a history of skin infections, or a new medical problem, ask our doctors about Convenia and if it is right for your pet.

CAH will be updating our Rabies Vaccine protocol. Please speak with a doctor at your next visit regarding the change to make sure your pet is up-to-date.

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Pet I.D.

I.D. Tags

I.D. Tags are simple identification tags that can be attached to your pets collars. These tags should include the owner's personal contact information, such as name, phone number and address. This information should also be updated when any changes occur to ensure that your pet returns home safely.

County Dog License

Annual county dog licenses are required by law. Your pet will receive a tag to be placed on their collar with contact information on it. When the dog is found, the county courthouse can be called to identify the owner. Another option is a lifetime license. Your pet must have permanent identification, such as a tattoo or microchip in order to apply for a lifetime license.

Tattoo

A tattoo is a form of permanent identification for your dog that is used in conjunction with a lifetime license. The courthouse assigns a number when an owner purchases a lifetime license, that number is then tattooed on the inside of your dog's right rear leg. This does require the dog to be sedated. When a dog is found, the county courthouse can be called to identify the owner.

Microchip

A microchip can be used for both cats and dogs. It can be used as permanent identification and/or a lifetime license. The microchip (about the size of a grain of rice) is implanted under the skin between the shoulder blades, similar to a vaccine. No anesthesia is required since the procedure is quick and relatively painless. Each microchip has a 10 digit code that must be registered with the company's nationwide recovery database. When a pet is found, a scanner is used to reveal the 10 digit code, and a call is made to the company to identify the pet and owner.

Companion Animal Hospital Is Now Smoke Free!!!

Companion Animal Hospital is now smoke free! The staff at CAH have been working together to help create a healthy, smoke free environment for those who visit our hospital. To help us, we are asking that all employees and clients refrain from smoking while on CAH property.

Referral Rewards Program:
(refer a friend,
get a thank you!)

1st Referral = 5 Kind Cafe Bucks
2nd Referral or more = \$15 Gift
Certificate to any downtown
business of your choice.

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