



The Official Newsletter of

Companion Animal Hospital

and

Paws Inn

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Spring



The flowers are starting to push their way through the soil to reach the sun, the days are gradually getting longer and the weather is warming up. These are sure signs that spring is back!! With spring also comes those pesky parasites, see what you can do to help prevent them. Also read about the latest testing offered at CAH.

Paws Inn
Now available:

Blueberry & Vanilla Facials

Treat your pet to a facial today!

Notice:

All dogs must be on a leash while visiting Paws Inn.

What's Your Dog Mixed With??

Ever wonder what breeds have gone into making your mixed breed dog? Now it's no longer a guess. Years of scientific research have gone into a genetic blood test that is now offered by the veterinarians at Companion Animal Hospital. The Wisdom Panel MX is exclusively designed for mixed breed dogs and covers 153 of the 161 American Kennel Club (AKC) registered dog breeds.

Purebred cats and dogs have had the benefit of genetic testing for a number of years. For example, American Cocker Spaniels and English Springer Spaniels can have PFK deficiency, an inherited trait that results in the rupture of their red blood cells and muscle cramping after exercise. Persian and Persian related cats can carry an inherited gene mutation that causes Polycystic Kidney Disease. Cats born with PKD are predisposed to developing kidney failure. There are many other breed specific genetic tests available. These blood tests have enabled veterinarians to make an early diagnosis so that measures can be taken to sustain and prolong quality of life. This type of screening is also important to breeders who are choosing which individuals should stay or be removed from breeding programs due to carrying an inherited disease.

Many owners of mixed breed dogs over the years have asked the veterinarians at CAH, "What breeds do you think my dog has in it?" We have always given it our best educated guess, but now there is a blood test that uses genetic markers to help reveal the breed heritage of your dog! Why would someone want to know what his or her dog's heritage is? Besides being fun and interesting, it can definitely be helpful to the veterinarian. Since we know certain breeds have specific medical risks, knowing the family background of a patient will help direct diet, training, health screenings and preventive care.

Senior Matinee

Monday - Thursday 12 pm - 3 pm

Seniors over 60 receive 10% OFF their pet's exam.

The Pet Gazette



Parasite Prevention

Advantage:

- Available for dogs, cats, puppies and kittens (7 weeks or older).
- It is applied to the skin and stays there, even if your pet goes swimming or is bathed.
- Kills Fleas within a few hours and works up to a month.

Frontline:

- Available for dogs, cats, puppies and kittens (8 weeks or older).
- It is applied to the skin and stays there, even if your pet goes swimming or is bathed.
- Kills Fleas AND Ticks and works up to a month. Fleas die within a few hours, ticks die within 48 hours.

Profender:

- Available for cats and kittens (8 weeks or older).
- It is applied to the skin on an as needed basis (typically 2-4 times a year).
- Treats and controls Roundworms, Hookworms and Tapeworms.

Revolution:

- Available for cats and dogs.
- It is applied to the skin and stays there, even if your pet goes swimming or is bathed.
- Controls- Fleas, Heartworms, Ear Mites, Roundworms and Hookworms.

Interceptor:

- Available for dogs and cats
- Once a month chewable tablet.
- Prevention against Heartworms, Roundworms, Hookworms and Whipworms.

Sentinel:

- Available for dogs only.
- Once a month chewable tablet.
- Prevention against Heartworms, Roundworms, Hookworms, and Whipworms, as well as a Flea Growth Regulator (does not kill adult fleas, but prevents eggs from hatching).

Referral Rewards Program: 1st Referral = \$5 CAH/Paws Inn Gift Card
(refer a friend, get a thank you!)
2nd Referral or more = \$15 CAH/Paws Inn Gift Card

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