

CVC Newsletter

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Springtime is almost here!

Here are a few tips to remember as the weather warms and Spring comes along.

Spring is a good time for your pet to get a general check-up so that you can be certain that all of your pet's vaccinations are up-to-date. Many people plan their summer vacations now and their dogs will have to stay at a boarding facility. It is very important that all your shots are current before you mingle with other dogs to minimize your chances of coming down with anything.

Several types of insects that thrive in the good weather you anticipate can also be a real danger to you. Especially mosquitoes, fleas and ticks.

Mosquitoes spread heartworm disease so it is wise to get your pets to the vet to obtain the proper preventative medication. But first you may need to have a blood test done to make certain that your pet is free of heartworms. The preventative medication cannot be administered to a dog that is already harboring adult heartworms. Rest assured, the blood test will only take a minute and won't really hurt.

Besides being nuisances that cause itching and possibly severe allergic reactions, fleas also carry tapeworms. When your pet bites the fleas, they are likely to ingest tapeworm eggs. While neither the skin irritations nor the tapeworms are likely to threaten their life, it is preferable to prevent the problems than to have to treat them all summer. It's much less expensive for the owner, too! The veterinarian can provide you with good products and advice to keep you flea-free.

Ticks can be far more dangerous, especially deer ticks, which carry Lyme disease. The most effective prevention is vaccination which is now readily available and, according to veterinary research, safe and effective. The doctor will advise your owner on tick control methods for you and your yard.

For more information or tips visit our web site. You can also submit you questions through the web site. www.countrysidevetpets.com



Pet of the Month

Gracie Smith

Gracie is an 11 year old Golden Retriever. She has been a wonderful companion and true friend to my 6 year old daughter who is learning disabled. Gracie has been to many tea parties with my daughter, sometimes even in my daughter's clothes. Yet every day Gracie sits faithfully by the door anxiously awaiting my daughter's return from school.

To submit your pet for "Pet of the Month" visit our website at www.countrysidevetpets.com.



Breed of the Month

Weimaraner

Weimaraner is a centuries old breed which is AKC recognized today as a sporting dog. The Weimaraner is sleek-coated and tautly-muscled, a true athlete bred to hunt all day.

They appear a bit unusual-looking due to their ghostly grey/silver coat and light colored eyes. Weimaraners are generally very high energy and willful, requiring plenty of exercise and firm control. The height of a Weimaraner varies from about 22" - 27" and can weigh from 50 - 70 pounds.



CVC Team Announcements

Congratulations!

This month's Employee of the Month is shared by Valerie and her dog Diabla. Valerie is the Receptionist Department Head here at Countryside Veterinary Clinic. She was elected employee of the month along with her dog Diabla (Dee for short), due mainly to the contributions Diabla made to help save other's pets. From time to time an emergency case is brought in that requires a blood transfusion in order to attempt to save the pet's life. Diabla has, on many occasions, been the donor that is responsible for saving the lives of other animals. Again last month Diabla was called upon to donate blood and was commended by other staff members as being the most cooperative donor they have seen. Diabla seems to understand that she is doing good and we would like to thank her and her owner for being there when others need them. In return for their efforts Countryside Veterinary Clinic awards Valerie and Diabla Employee of the Month.

Anniversaries

no one ?
no one ?

Birthdays

Cassie March ??
Dawn March ??

New Team Members

None this month

Personal Notes & Kudos

Aimee, Shelli, Valerie and Jean honed their leadership talents this month by attending a Leadership Skills Seminar.

Workplace safety took a step forward this month as Jean and Paula completed an OSHA Regulations Continuing Education Class.

Amy and Andrea attended a management seminar to help build stronger management skills.

To help better serve our clients, Kendal made time to attend a Client Service educational class.

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To: Our Valued
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