

CVC Newsletter

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Rabies Prevention

Keeping rabies vaccinations current is the best prevention for pets against this life-threatening viral disease. Cats should be kept inside and dogs should be closely supervised when outdoors. Spaying or neutering is another deterrent against rabies, since it will discourage roaming and therefore the contact with animals potentially carrying rabies. The majority of rabies cases occur in wild animals, particularly raccoons, skunks, foxes, and bats. Domestic animals become infected through bites and scratches in altercations with these animals. People may become infected with rabies when bitten by a rabid animal or via the entrance of infectious material, such as saliva, into the eyes, nose, mouth, or skin. Anti-rabies prophylaxis is given to humans when deemed necessary by a human physician.

When unvaccinated pets are exposed to a rabid animal, the chance of contracting rabies is very high. For the sake of the animal and for public health safety it is recommended that those animals be humanly euthanized. Call us for an appointment.

P.S. Illinois state law requires that a licensed veterinarian administer rabies vaccinations.



Pet of the Month Packer Clayton

"Packer" He is the light of my life, my companion and best buddy. His job is to make me happy 7 days a week, 24 hours a day.

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

Losing a Pet

Most pets live shorter lives than their owners, losing a pet and the resulting grief are an inevitable part of pet ownership. The biggest difference between pet loss and human loss is that humans have support systems when someone special dies. When a pet dies, many people cannot understand the pet-owner bond or the stress involved. A pet's death has deep implications for children and the elderly. Older people living alone rely on their pets for companionship and feel major loss when they die. A pet's death is often a child's first encounter with death. Children need to grieve and talk about the experience in order to understand death and the value of life.

We know and understand how special the bond is between owners and their pets. Our team and facility are dedicated to the care of pets. We are available for all your veterinary needs.

Support groups and resources for grieving pet owners are available, please contact your pet's healthcare team.



Congratulations!

This month's "Employee of the Month" is Allison. Allison is a Veterinary Technician here at Countryside Veterinary Clinic. She was elected employee of the month for her outstanding performance and team spirit. Allison is our primary employee that coordinates our pet adoption program. She ensures that their medical and emotional needs are met on a daily basis as well as keeping their information up to date and organized. In addition to Allison's daily responsibilities this month she also made arrangements to ensure our new veterinary technician had a smooth training process. Team spirit was also displayed by her willingness to assist with receptionist tasks on several different occasions. To show appreciation Countryside Veterinary Clinic awards Allison "Employee of the Month".

CVC Team Announcements

Anniversaries

Patti - receptionist 3 years

Birthdays

Dr. Davis April 11
Dr. Kovalick April 12

New Team Members

Please welcome Kerry to our Technician team.

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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