

CVC Newsletter

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Microchip Your Pet

With spring weather approaching, people and pets naturally want to spend more time outdoors. Along with that, there comes an increased risk for pets to become lost or stolen. The microchip is an inexpensive, safe, simple, and permanent form of pet identification designed to quickly identify lost pets and reunite them with their owners. The microchip can be implanted under the skin between the shoulders during the course of a regular examination. Your pet does not have to be anesthetized in order to have a microchip placed. The microchip is not a tracking device, but all animals turned into animal shelters and veterinary clinics as lost pets should be scanned for the presence of a chip. Here are some startling statistics:

- ❖ 1 or every 3 pets is lost during its lifetime and only 1 in 10 are found
- ❖ More than half of all impounded cats and dogs are not wearing collars by the time they arrive at the shelter.
- ❖ Only 16% of dogs and 2% of cats entering animal shelters are reclaimed by their owners.
- ❖ 56% of dogs and 72% of cats in shelters nationwide are euthanized.
- ❖ Collar tags can be lost and tattoos can fade or be altered, but microchips are permanent and tamper-resistant.
- ❖ 3,000-4,000 lost pets are recovered each month because of HomeAgain Microchip Identification System.
- ❖ On average, HomeAgain and the AKC Companion Animal Recovery reunite a lost pet with its family every 15 minutes.
- ❖ One microchip fee and a one-time enrollment fee, and your pet can be protected for life.



Pet of the Month

Dakota

Dakota is a very special dog. He is the oldest and takes care of the other dogs. We recently got a new puppy and Dakota has taken her under his wing. He plays her with constantly and makes sure she doesn't get into trouble. Dakota is a very sweet dog and greets everyone with a giant kiss. We're lucky to have been blessed with Dakota.

Can Cats Get Heartworms?

Most people are well aware of the threat of heartworms to dogs. However, heartworms can also be transmitted to cats via the mosquito bite. Even indoor cats are at risk. Two separate research studies have shown that one-third of cats infected with heartworms are indoor cats. Heartworm disease can result from one unlucky mosquito bite. The infection is not a result of successive bites. We do not have one simple blood test that is 100 percent accurate in cats. Even when heartworm disease is diagnosed in cats, there is no approved treatment to kill heartworms in cats as of yet. Infected cats are currently treated only with steroids and heartworm prevention while we wait, hoping for the worms to die over several years. Some cats do not survive that long. Cats can exhibit symptoms of even death with just a few worms in the heart. The cats' own immune systems can create additional complication for heartworm infected felines. Symptoms can include respiratory distress, coughing and chronic vomiting. Year round heartworm prevention is now recommended for all cats with either topical Revolution or oral Heartgard.



CVC Team Announcements

Congratulations!

Our entire team jointly shares “Employee of the Month”. We recognize each individual’s strengths allowed the creation of our team. Through aligning these strengths our goal and dedication to building connections between people and their pets to help them lead long and healthy lives together remains our focus and pride. Not one of us can contribute as much as all of us together can. To show appreciation Countryside Veterinary Clinic awards all members “Employee of the Month”.

Anniversaries

Patti 3 years

Birthdays

Dr. Jane April 11
 Dr. Angie April 12
 Jennifer April 14
 Michele April 23
 Nicky April 27

Personal Notes & Kudos

Michalene and Jennifer deserve thanks for a job well done as they presented client service topics.

Dr. Chris added to her already vast wealth of knowledge by attending a respiratory seminar.

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To: Our Valued
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