

# CVC Newsletter

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## Overweight Pets

Over 40 percent of cats and dogs are overweight. The most common cause of obesity is overfeeding, however medical conditions, such as thyroid disorders, can be a contributing factor. As with humans, obesity increases the likelihood of health problems. Obesity can cause or exacerbate skin problems, arthritis, diabetes, and it is a major factor in heart disease. To help your pet maintain a healthy weight, provide the appropriate type and amount of food and for rewards, replace treats with extra attention or affection, such as petting and playing. Providing adequate exercise on a regular basis is an important part of maintaining a healthy weight. Monitor your pet's weight periodically by checking to see if you can easily feel their rib cage or by actually weighing them. Weight management is important to their health.

Slim and trim pets are beautiful on the inside and outside. Your pet's weight will be assessed during appointments with your veterinarian at Countryside Veterinary Clinic. For an appointment call (630) 553-7436.



### Pet of the Month Sugar

I am an eight month old maltese who was dropped at birth and consequently cannot walk. I have a lot of spirit and am trying very hard to get up on all fours. I "scoot" around to get where I want to go. I am very lovable and also adorable. My physical therapist has high hopes for me.

## Safe Use of Flea Control Products

Dozens of flea control products-collars, powders, shampoos, and topicals-promise to rid your beloved pet of pesky fleas and their symptoms. Besides causing intense itching, fleas can cause several diseases, including anemia, dermatitis, and tapeworm infestation. To ensure your pet's safety, flea control products must be used according to directions. If you do not understand a certain guideline, ask your veterinarian or contact the manufacturer. It is especially important not to use products that are labeled only for dogs or cats. Products containing permethrins can be deadly for cats. Pets that are very young, pregnant, nursing, disabled or elderly are particularly at risk when using any prescription or over the counter products. For high risk pets, simply treating the environment and using a flea comb on the pet may be an option. Preventing an infestation is safer and more economical than eliminating these pests from your pet and their environment.



## CVC Team Announcements

### Congratulations!

Jill is this month's "Employee of the Month". Jill has been a member of our team since November 2003. She assists our team in many ways, her main objective is to provide additional services to our clients. We realize that people are busy therefore Jill will phone all clients to help remind them of upcoming appointments that are scheduled for their pet. Families that have pets at home recuperating from a surgical procedure may have concerns or questions about their progress. Jill also phones family members to find out how the pets are feeling and to provide any information needed. Jill is always pleasant, fun, and a wholehearted team member. Jill has taken on the temporary responsibility of performing receptionist duties with extended hours to ensure we are appropriately staffed and able to provide client service. To show appreciation Countryside Veterinary Clinic awards Jill "Employee of the Month".

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#### Anniversaries

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| Allison | 5 years |
| Shelli  | 9 years |

#### Birthdays

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| Jacob | May 29 |
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To: Our Valued  
Countryside Veterinary  
Clinic Clients



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