

CVC Newsletter

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National Pet Week

During National Pet Week, May 1st through May 7th, we are reminded of the many ways that we can help ensure our animal companion's contentment and happiness. Enrolling your new puppy or dog in behavior training classes begins successful bonding by establishing communication and expectations that prevent future problems. Learning about animal behavior prevents bites that cause anguish to both the family and companion animal. Advice on curtailing cat or kitten behavior can be obtained through your veterinarian or local animal welfare organizations. Behavior problems can also be health-related, especially if the pet's former habits had been satisfactory. Be certain your pet has a complete medical exam annually and biannually in a senior pet whose health can decline rapidly. Spay or neuter your pet to prevent unwanted offspring, mating aggression, and exposure to disease.

Even the most reliable pet may be startled by storms or threatening circumstances and finding themselves disoriented, in unfamiliar surroundings, become unable to recognize their safe route home. Ensure your companion's safety with an identification tag. As collars are commonly lost when an animal runs through brush, a permanent identification, a microchip, may be implanted by your veterinarian, helping to prevent theft and further loss of pets.

Include your companions in safety planning and disaster drills for your home and family. Be sure that your family knows what to do in the event of a fire, flood, or tornado. Your pet's medical papers should be included with other important documents in the event of a tragedy. Plan for your companion's future if something were to happen to the family that they rely on.

Violence Awareness Week

The Humane Society of the United States has proclaimed the week of May 17th through the 23rd as Animal Cruelty/Human Awareness Week. Studies confirm that there is a strong link between people who commit cruelty to animals with human violence. Animal abuse, neglect, and abandonment may precede or coincide with abuse in the family unit.

Animals provide multiple roles in the family unit from childhood friend and protector to sentry, guardian, hunter, exercise companion, rescuer, guide or handicap assistant, and offer solace to the lonely or old. They also become a vehicle through which troubled children and adults who are unresponsive to other forms of therapy may connect and express themselves. Young children begin to learn compassion by understanding the primary needs of their family companion such as food, shelter, and water. Empathy arises when children begin to compare stressors and pain of isolation, hunger, lack of friendship or love in an animal with their own experiences. These experiences, guided by caring adults, foster the development of a reverence for all living things. It is a human tragedy when people are indifferent to the actual suffering or death of an animal. This neglect also burdens others with the responsibility of providing compassionate action. Ignoring abuse, neglect, or abandonment allows violence to escalate. The humane call to action is for us all to report such acts to animal control facilities, animal welfare organizations, or our local police.



Pet of the Month

Stella

Even when she is sad she will give everyone a kiss. She will always be the light of my life. When I get home from school she will run up to me and say hi



Congratulations!

An is this month's "Employee of the Month". She has been a member of our healthcare team since 2000. An is a leader on our dental health team. She promotes healthy mouths year long and puts a special program together to honor dental health during the winter months. An is a technician and spends the greater part of her day providing medical and surgical care for our patients. She is always happy and never too busy to help her co-workers. This month An devised a way to enter pet's microchip numbers on their rabies certificates to help the counties in which they live in identify the pet if they become separated from their family. An's commitment to veterinary care always leads her to take responsibilities one step further and to show appreciation. Countryside Veterinary Clinic awards her "Employee of the Month".

CVC Team Announcements

Birthdays

Jacob	May 29
Steve	May 29

Anniversary

Allison	6 years
Steve	1 year

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