

CVC Newsletter

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Smoking Linked to Feline Cancer

Researchers studying rising rates of the most common feline cancer were surprised to find a strong link between an owner's smoking habit and feline lymphoma. The study began because researchers were interested to learn why sarcoma rates were rising as feline leukemia virus cases were decreasing. Feline cancer has previously been linked to the leukemia virus. A cat's lymphoma risk was two and a half times higher when exposed to secondhand household smoke. The duration and level of exposure determined how dramatically a cat's risk increased. When a cat lived with just one smoker, its risk was double that of cats in non-smoking households. When cats lived with two or more smokers, its risk was four times higher.

If you are a smoker and have cats living in your home, take the time to bring them to us for a complete check-up. We are an accredited American Animal Hospital Association facility, and as such have chosen to meet their strict standards. Our web site can be visited at www.countrysidevetpets.com.

P.S. When cats are exposed to smoke, they inhale tobacco smoke as well as ingest particulate matter when licking their fur.



Pet of the Month

Sadie Huston

Sadie has come a long way since I adopted her in October of last year. She had been diagnosed with Heartworm disease prior to me bringing her home and I am glad to say with treatment, she is now heartworm free. She is very loving and wants to be with "her human" at all times. Her favorite things are walks and treats, but not necessarily in that order. Sadie is not without her problems, but she has come a long way with patience, obedience training and a lot of love. She still has selective hearing, especially when it comes to squirrels! She adores people and loves to give kisses without reservation. She has definitely taken a piece of my heart.

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

Pet Facts

The game of baseball is known for the thousands of statistics generated with each pitch of the ball. Few things rival America's passion for baseball, except maybe the country's love affair with pets. The American Pet Association estimates that more than 43 million Americans are dog owners and 31 million are cat owners. Pet owners in this country own close to 62 million dogs and 75 million cats. We treat our pets well, too. More than 37 million cats get Christmas gifts while more than 28 million dog owners leave a canine treat under the tree. The most popular gifts for a dog's birthday include a special treat, a special meal, a cake, new toy, ice cream, and bones. One final statistic you may not have known about our pets is that the most popular reason for acquiring a dog or cat is for companionship.



CVC Team Announcements

Congratulations!

Valerie is this month's "Employee of the Month". As the Department Head for the receptionist team, Valerie's primary focus is to continually improve client and patient services. Dedication to client service and fellow team-mates has been demonstrated by her willingness to arrive early and stay late at a moments notice. Valerie arrives with sincere intentions and maintains that concentration day in and day out. Valerie has expanded the focus of client service beyond the receptionist team by arranging the last several team continuing education meetings. To show appreciation Countryside Veterinary Clinic awards Valerie "Employee of the Month".

Anniversaries

Aimee 13 years
Missy 4 years

Birthdays

Amy C. August 1

New Team Members

None this month.

Reminder

Don't forget about our "Pet of the Month" contest. You could win a great prize while letting the whole world know how much you love your pet!

It is so easy to enter. All you have to do is visit the "Your Pets!!!" section of our website and click on the link to send us an e-mail telling us why your pet should be "Pet of the Month" or ask for an application while you are in the clinic. Then you will be in the running to win a great prize and have your pet's picture shown on the website for a month.

There's a good chance that your pet could be the next "Pet of the Month", so enter today!

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