



GWINNETT ANIMAL HOSPITAL

Fall

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CONGRATULATIONS GAH!

In honor of our 40 years caring for Snellville area pets, Snellville City Hall has proclaimed that September 21st is officially "Gwinnett Animal Hospital Day" in the city of Snellville!

Hmmm . . . Interesting!

	Veterinarian	Human MD
# licensed in US	90,000	850,000
# of schools in US	28	138
# of new grads in 2012	3,500	17,000
Years of education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 undergraduate 4 vet school 4 for specialization 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 undergraduate 4 med school 3-7 years for specialization
# of specialties	22, with 15 subspecialties	24, with 130 subspecialties
2012 avg Educational debt	\$160,000	\$170,000

ANTIFREEZE POISONING



Ethylene glycol, the main ingredient in almost all major antifreeze brands, is a major threat to your pet—especially as the cooler weather approaches. Its appealing smell and taste often tempt animals and children to drink the highly poisonous substance.

It only takes a few licks of highly toxic antifreeze to seriously jeopardize an animal's life. Pet guardians need to know how to help keep antifreeze away from animals, as well as detect the early symptoms of antifreeze poisoning.

Within 30-60 minutes of ingesting the toxin, pets become lethargic, disoriented, uncoordinated, and groggy. After a few hours the poisoning leads to vomiting, oral and gastric ulcers, kidney failure, coma and death.

WHAT TO DO TO PROTECT YOUR PET

1. **Switch to a brand of antifreeze** that contains the much less toxic, bitter compound propylene glycol instead of ethylene glycol.
2. **Keep antifreeze sealed and away from animals**; clean up spills completely, and fix any leaks immediately.
3. **Don't allow your pet to wander unattended** near driveways, roads, garages, or other places where she could come into contact with antifreeze.
4. **Keep other products that contain ethylene glycol**—like paint, cosmetics and novelty snow globes—out of the reach of animals, as well as any product of which you are not certain of the ingredients.
5. **Monitor your pet for strange behavior.** If you think she may have ingested antifreeze, take her to a veterinarian immediately.



The first few hours are critical to your pet's survival!

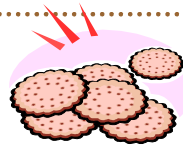


Pet Cookies for Cats and Dogs

Ingredients

- 2 cups wheat germ
- 1 tablespoon water
- 3 (2.5oz) jars of chicken, beef, or lamb baby food

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees
2. In a medium bowl, mix all ingredients together. Add more water if necessary to form a dough.
3. Roll dough into 1 inch balls (smaller for cats) and place on cookie sheet. Flatten slightly with a fork dipped in water.
4. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes in the preheated oven.



There's still time to vote for GAH for "Best of Gwinnett" go to:

<http://bestofgwinnett.com/best-of-gwinnett-vote-2013>

Thanks to all who came to our 40th anniversary celebration in September! With over 250 people in attendance, it was a HUGE success (despite the torrential rain)!

Our raffle table was overloaded with items from our great sponsors, and hundreds of Chick-fil-A sandwiches went flying out the door!



It is YOU, our clients, that make our success possible. We look forward to providing your furry family members with quality care for many years to come.



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