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Gwinnett Animal Hospital Newsletter, Spring 2013



Thanks to all of our clients who voted us **"Best of Gwinnett" 2012!**

We are so pleased that you entrust the care of your furry companions to us and will continue to try to exceed your expectations at each and every visit.

OUCH!

Spring is flea and tick season: Don't stand by as the nasty freeloaders take a bite out of your pet!

Don't wait until the heat of the season is upon us and the fleas and ticks are in full force— just one or two fleas can make your pet miserable and lead to a host of other problems- tapeworms, skin infection, anemia, and Lyme disease to name a few. We have fantastic products to keep your pets and your family parasite-free; *and* there are great rebate incentives to make it easy on your wallet.

Ask any staff member for details!

DID YOU KNOW?

- **1 in 3** pets will be lost in their lifetime
- An estimated **5-7 million** pets are lost every year in the US
- Only **15-20%** of dogs, and **2%** of cats are returned to their owners—most of these had identification
- **60-70%** of animals in shelters are euthanized
- A microchip is a permanent means of identifying your pet
- Microchips are small, safe, and no more uncomfortable for the pet than getting a shot
- For just **\$55**, one of our doctors or technicians can implant a microchip in just minutes *and* register the pet in the national database **for life**.

Don't wait until it's too late— microchip your pet today!

THINK RABIES IS NOT YOUR PROBLEM??

- ⇒ Rabies is a 100% fatal disease that affects the nervous system. It can affect any mammal, including humans. The most common carriers are bats, raccoons, skunks, and foxes.
- ⇒ In the US, approximately 2 cases of rabies in humans, and 400-500 cases in domestic animals are reported each year. Some of these were "mostly indoor" or "fenced yard" pets!
- ⇒ In 2012, here in **Gwinnett County** there were **9 confirmed** rabid animals—most of these in residential areas/apartments/subdivisions.
- ⇒ In the **first 6 weeks** of 2013, there were already **3 confirmed** cases!

ALL dogs and cats over 12 weeks of age are **REQUIRED** by law to have a current rabies vaccination. The vaccine is very safe, and virtually 100% protective.

Make sure your pet is vaccinated!



RECIPE CORNER

For our indoor kitties who don't get to go outside to enjoy the spring:

"Better than Grass" Salad

- 1 small carrot peeled and grated
- 1/4 cup peeled and grated zucchini
- 1/2 cup chopped alfalfa sprouts
- 1 tsp. finely chopped parsley
- 1/8 cup chicken/fish stock
- 1/4 tsp dried or fresh catnip

Combine veggies in a medium bowl. Add chicken/fish stock and stir. Sprinkle with catnip and serve at room temperature. Store in the refrigerator for up to 3 days.

Low Allergen, Vegetarian dog treats:

- 1 cup oatmeal
- 1 cup rye flour
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 teaspoon melted butter
- +/- 1-2 tablespoons sugar

Directions: Combine oatmeal, 3/4 cups of rye flour, sugar (if you choose to add it) and butter. Slowly add milk until firm but slightly sticky dough forms. Knead in rest of rye flour until dough stiffens a little. Wrap in saran wrap and chill for 1 hour. Roll out dough to 1/4 inch thickness. Cut into shapes and place on cookie sheet. Bake for 15 minutes at 350 F.

Featured Staff Member: CHRISTI BRYANT

Christi has been greeting guests at the front desk with a smile since 2010. She grew up in Mississippi and enjoys 4-wheeling, swimming, and cooking. She and her husband welcomed their first child, Caylee Marie, in December 2012. They live in Loganville with their dog and eight cats.

