

Gwinnett Animal Hospital Newsletter, Fall 2011

Upcoming specials:

SEPTEMBER:

Relieve that back-to-school stress- 15% off a massage for your pet (sorry, we don't do humans!)

NOVEMBER:

Don't risk losing your wayward pet- 15% off a microchip in November

Focus On: LASER THERAPY

Laser Therapy (LT) is a form of rehabilitation therapy that uses a warm beam of focused light to promote tissue/cell healing and improve function. LT can be used to stimulate wound healing, reduce pain and inflammation, improve nerve function, and increase blood flow to a specific area of the body.

Visit our website for more information or ask a staff member if laser therapy may help your pet!

It's not too late to vote for us for
"Best of Gwinnett 2011"
Go to www.BestofGwinnett.com
Thanks for your support!!

Employee Spotlight *Renee' Mitchell, RVT*

Renee' has been with GAH since 1990 and so she practically runs the place!



You may not see her as much as some of the other techs because she is in charge of our laboratory and treatment areas and assists in surgery. She was born and raised right here in Snellville and enjoys sports, cooking, gardening, and spending time with her Sheltie, Halley.

Ah, fall . . . there's nothing like crisp, cool air, the first months of school and luscious foliage to get you excited for the changing seasons. Your pet, too, is probably welcoming the break from hot, sticky weather. But pet parents, beware—fall is also a time of lurking dangers for our furry friends.

- In the fall rodents seek shelter from the cooler temperatures by attempting to move indoors. Mouse and rat poisons are highly toxic to pets—if ingested, the results could be fatal. If you must use these products, do so with extreme caution and put them in places inaccessible to your pets.
- Fall and spring are mushroom seasons. While 99% of mushrooms have little or no toxicity, the 1% that are highly toxic can be life-threatening to pets. Contact us or the local animal poison control center immediately if you witness your pet eating a wild mushroom.
- Be aware of where your pet goes 'snooping'. Autumn is the season when snakes who are preparing for hibernation may be particularly "grumpy," increasing the possibility of severe bites to those unlucky pets who find themselves in the wrong place at the wrong time.
- Many people choose fall as the time to change the coolant in their car's engine. Ethylene glycol-based antifreeze is highly toxic—fatality rates are close to 100%, so spills should be cleaned up immediately and if you witness your pet ingest antifreeze, seek veterinary help immediately.
- Be sure to continue your pet's Heartworm prevention thru the cooler months. The deadly parasite is transmitted by mosquitoes, so they are exposed year-round in our warm climate.

Have you visited us on the web yet?? Come see what we have to offer, meet the famous Uncle Herman (our clinic cat), learn about the GAH staff, and see current specials at www.GwinnettAnimalHospital.com