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- Dalmatians are born spotless: at first pure white, their spots develop as they age.
- Dogs have about 100 different facial expressions, most of them made with the ears.
- Dogs have about 10 vocal sounds.
- Dogs aren't color blind; they can see shades of blue, yellow, green and gray.
- Dogs only sweat from the bottoms of their feet, they discharge heat by panting.
- An estimated 1 million dogs in the US have been named the beneficiary in their owner's will.
- The heaviest dog ever weighed 319 pounds.
- A dog's nose has about 14 times more scent cells than a human's.
- Three dogs (from First Class cabins!) survived the sinking of the Titanic.
- When dogs kick after going to the bathroom, they are using the scent glands on their paws to further mark their territory.
- The most dogs ever owned by one person were 5,000 Mastiffs owned by Kublai Khan.
- In Iran, it is against the law to own a dog as a pet. Working dogs are the exception.
- Male dogs will raise their legs while urinating to aim higher on a tree or lamppost because they want to leave a message that they are tall and intimidating.

- A cat can jump as much as seven times its height.
- An adult cat can run about 12 miles per hour, and can sprint at nearly 30 miles per hour.
- The nose pad of each cat has ridges in a unique pattern not unlike a person's fingerprints.
- A dog's memory lasts about 5 minutes, a cat's can last as long as 16 hours.
- Cats have over one hundred vocal sounds.
- Cats don't "meow" at other cats, this sound is reserved for communicating with humans.
- A cat uses its whiskers as feelers to determine if a space is too small to squeeze through.
- A cat can be either right-pawed or left-pawed.
- A fifteen year old cat has probably spent ten years of its life sleeping.
- Cats love to hear the sound of their own name and your voice.
- Most cat litters number 4-6 kittens. According to Guinness, the largest domestic cat litter totaled 19 kittens.
- Cats are the most common pets in America.
- Relative to their size, cats are the mammals with the largest eyes.



## UGH! Flea and tick season is again upon Us!

With the temperatures rising, these nasty creatures are going to make a comeback to make your pets miserable. Fleas and ticks can lead to skin irritation and infection, tapeworms, and systemic diseases such as Lyme Disease.

We have educated staff and many products to help keep them under control.

A few tips to protect your pets and your family:

- Don't wait until you *see* fleas and ticks to start protecting your pet! By the time you actually *see* them, they've begun reproducing. It's much easier to prevent them than to get rid of them.
- Use flea and/or tick products *year-round*. In Georgia, the temperatures rarely get low enough for a long enough period of time to effectively kill off the pest population.
- Use only products approved for the type of pet you have— many dog products are highly toxic to cats. The safest thing to use is a product recommended by your veterinarian.

**Ask our staff about flea and tick control today!**



### 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!**



Unless you plan on taking me with you on Spring Break vacation, I'd recommend making my boarding reservations **ASAP!**

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Michelle comes to us from Florida and has been greeting clients at the front desk since 2010. She recently received her bachelors degree in Psychology, and enjoys, reading, cooking, and spending time with her dog, Mardi.

