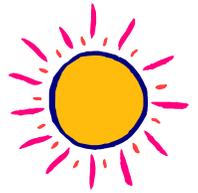




GWINNETT ANIMAL HOSPITAL NEWS

Summer 2011



As the beautiful weather gets you out into your garden, please consider these plants that are toxic to pets:

- rhododendron
- foxglove
- azalea
- oleander
- lily-of-the-valley
- sago palm
- yew plant
- mountain laurel
- mushrooms
- rhubarb leaves
- Easter lily
- day lily
- tiger lily
- other lily species
- Castor beans

JUNE IS SENIOR MONTH AT GAH!

At GAH, we believe that thorough physical examinations and blood tests are important tools in identifying health problems in your pet. This is especially true for our older pets, so during the month of June, we are celebrating our senior friends by treating them to a visit to the vet! Bring in your senior pet (ages 10 and older) for a wellness

examination and senior blood panel,
and we will take
\$20 off !



Gwinnett Animal Hospital was voted "Best of Gwinnett" in 2010 by Gwinnett Magazine. Thanks to all of our clients for their support and votes! If your pets love their vet, be sure to spread the word about us by voting for us on www.bestofgwinnett.com/best-of-gwinnett-voting. Hopefully we can earn the honor again in 2011. We also have complimentary bumper stickers available in the office, or if you'd prefer a car magnet, we have those for sale- all proceeds go into our Good Samaritan Fund!



*Team Member
Spotlight:
Debby Ricks, RVT*

Debby Ricks has been with GAH since 1986- that's when Hwy 78 was a two-lane road and we were doing farm calls! We are fortunate to have such a loyal, skilled employee who is trained in all aspects of patient care- from office work to wellness visits to major surgery- if there's something that we do here at GAH, Debby has done it! Outside of work, she enjoys horseback riding, NASCAR, and riding her Harley. Her family includes 2



Jack Russells- Murphy, 12 & Willie, 7; and a Brussels Griffon- Hootie, 2.

Summer Pet Care Tips

- Tis the season for fleas, ticks, and heartworms- make sure your pets are protected with their preventatives and are up-to-date on vaccinations.
- Just like us, our pets have allergies too! If you notice obvious signs of allergies like swollen eyes, frequent scratching, fur/skin conditions, or sneezing, you may want to bring your pet to the vet to explore those allergy symptoms.
- The outdoors is not the only thing pets get a fever for in the spring and summer- this is mating season! Make sure your pet is spayed or neutered so that they don't contribute to the overwhelming pet overpopulation problem we have in this country.
- Warm weather means rain showers and sprinklers, which can leave puddles of standing water. Try not to let your dog drink out of puddles, as standing water can be filled with bacteria leading to gastrointestinal upset or ailments.
- Pets can get dehydrated quickly, so give them plenty of fresh, clean water when it's hot outdoors. Make sure your pets have a shady place to get out of the sun, be careful to not over exercise them, and keep them indoors when it's extremely hot.
- Never leave your animals alone in a parked vehicle. On a hot day, a parked car can become a furnace in no time- even with the windows open- which could lead to fatal heat stroke.
- When the temperature is very high, don't let your dog linger on hot asphalt. Being so close the ground, your pooch's body can heat up quickly, and sensitive paw pads can burn. Keep walks during these times to a minimum.
- Do not leave pets unsupervised around a pool or lake- ;not all dogs are good swimmers. Introduce your pets to water gradually and make sure they wear flotation devices when on boats.

