



Animal Care Hospital

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Spring fever!



As the days become longer and warmer, the trees and flowers begin to bloom. For pets with allergies this spring bloom may result in itching and scratching. If the allergies are mild, an antihistamine, baths, or a steroid injection may do the trick. If your pet has seasonal allergies, start their antihistamines before problems become severe. Severe allergies may require desensitization vaccines or "allergy shots" like some people get. Your pet can be tested by drawing blood and identifying the specific things they are allergic to. The key is to be proactive before mild itching results in a skin infection that will require antibiotics.



An Ounce Prevention... Is Worth a Pound of Cure

In the case of heartworm disease, prevention just once a month or twice a year could protect your pet from a life threatening disease and you from un-needed expense. Heartworms are spread by mosquito bites and we live in mosquito heaven! There are several effective products available but they must be administered correctly or they won't be effective. Monthly (Interceptor) products **MUST** be given every 30 days. ProHeart, the injectable heartworm prevention, must be given every 180 days. A heartworm test is needed before any preventative is given.

Heartworm treatment is not only stressful for the pet and the owner but can take 3-4 months to complete and is costly. The average cost for prevention is just \$15.00/month. All too frequently we see clients who have tried to save money by skipping heartworm pills and ended up with the bigger expense of heartworm disease treatment.

Ready Refills-

*Please call
24hours in
advance so we can
make sure your
refill will be ready.*

Who's Your Daddy?

Would you like to know the genetic history of your mixed-breed pet? We are now offering a DNA blood test that can identify over 200 breeds in your pets' ancestry. Not only is it fun and interesting but it can provide us insight into breed related disease problems. Results in 2-3 weeks.



*After Hours
Question?*

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