

Itch Relief is Here!

Is your dog itchy? Are they biting, chewing, licking, and scratching all the time? Your pet may have allergies. Dog's allergies show up as skin issues rather than respiratory problems like most humans.

We have 2 great new medications to help your dog feel better. Apoquel is a daily tablet and Cytopoint is an injection that lasts 4-8 weeks. They are not steroids and may be used if your pet is on other medications. There also isn't the side effects commonly seen with allergy medications. Both work by stopping the itch signals before they get to the brain. We are seeing great success with these medications. Let us know if you think your pet would benefit from some itch relief!

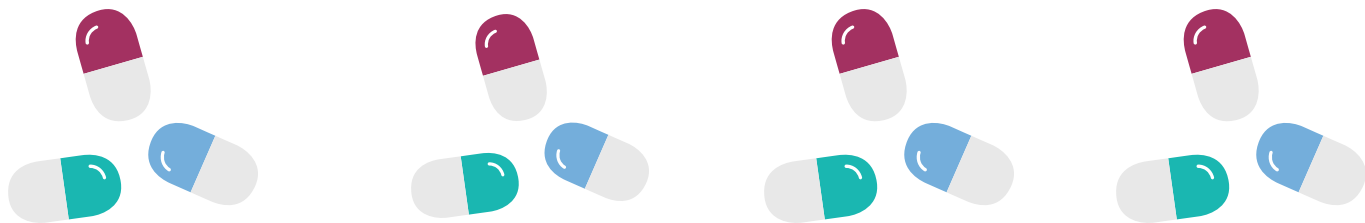


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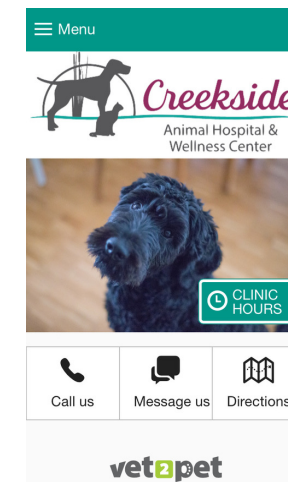
Or Current Resident

Medication Disposal

What do you do with medication that your pet no longer needs? In our community, there are many options for safe disposal of these medications. Both Lafayette and West Lafayette Police Departments offer drop-offs at various times during the year. There also have been some special collections at various locations in the community. Keep your eyes on the local news for advertisement of these special collections. Please do not "flush" the medications thinking that it is safe. These contaminants can cause many problems for our environment. Current options for safe disposal: West Lafayette Police Department - 2nd Thursday of the month from 11:30am -1:30pm; Purdue Retail Pharmacy located on Campus; Lafayette Police on October 27th, 2018, from 10am-2pm at 20 N 6th St in Lafayette; and Custom Plus Pharmacy in West Lafayette has a safety disposal bin in their store for use during open hours.



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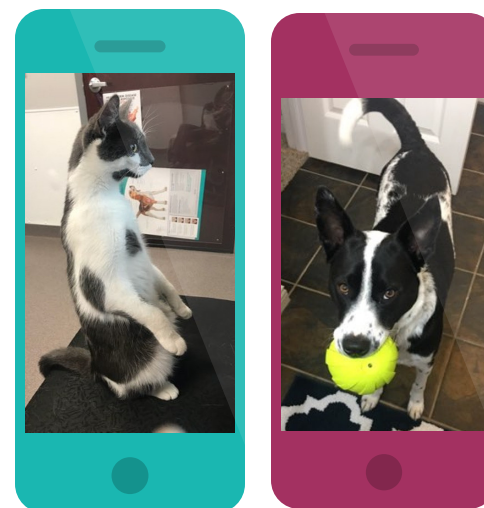

Back to School Blues?

Do your pets get sad when your children go back to school? Many do! This is a sensitive time for many pets, as change in routines is a high stressor for dogs and cats. A few signs of separation anxiety are destructive behaviors, inappropriate urination/defecation, and howling/crying while alone. There are many ways to deal with these situations. First, we recommend discussing your situation with us so that we can rule out any medical problems. Once we've determined that your pet is anxious, we can provide many tips and potentially medication to help ease the stress.



Fall Safety

- Steer clear of Mushrooms
- Clean up antifreeze
- Watch for rodent poisons
- Monitor holiday decor
- Use Flea/Tick prevention
- Beware chocolate and holiday candies



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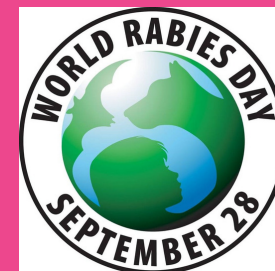
Top 9 ways to keep your cat healthy

1. Brush regularly: removes dead hair so they don't ingest it while grooming
2. Provide fresh water daily: essential for general health
3. Provide enough litter boxes: 1 per cat + 1 extra (have at least 1 on each floor of the house)
4. Monitor litter box habits: eliminating outside the box indicates medical or behavioral problems
5. Give a scratching post: saves furniture and helps stretch their muscles
6. Use a cat carrier: roaming free in the car is dangerous
7. Clean their teeth: bad oral health leads to heart disease, systemic infections, and respiratory issues.
8. Schedule regular vet visits: catch diseases early and provide preventative care
9. Spay/Neuter: prevent reproductive diseases and eliminate most of the unwanted behaviors of intact cats

Overweight is not just more to love

It is more to worry about: a shorter life expectancy, decrease in mobility and increase in developing serious medical conditions.

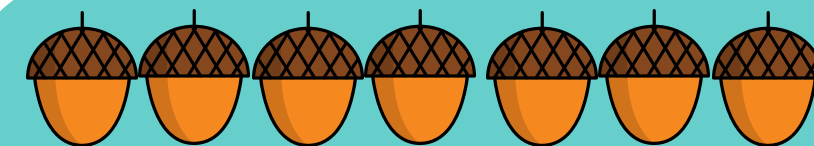
Weight loss is tough, but we'll help you help your pet get back to their ideal body condition. First, we'll make sure there isn't a medical condition causing the weight gain. Then, we'll help you develop a safe, controlled weight loss plan. Of course, this includes a decrease in calories and an increase in exercise; but how you go about these could vary dramatically from pet to pet. Some pets need less food, other need different food. Certain pets refuse to go for a walk, so we have to get creative with getting them active in other ways. There are prescription diets for weight loss if just monitoring consumption doesn't seem to be working for your pet. And finally, be sure to weigh your pet routinely to avoid too rapid of loss which can also be bad for them.



It is observed annually to raise awareness about prevention of this horrifying disease.

September 28th marks the anniversary of Louis Pasteur's death, the French chemist and microbiologist, who developed the first rabies vaccine.

Today, safe and efficacious animal and human vaccines exist to combat this deadly disease. Is your pet up to date?



"Little" known backyard danger

Acorns look like fun little toys for your dogs. But, they aren't much fun when they cause your pet to be sick! While some dogs do not have any issues when ingesting acorns, mild to moderate gastrointestinal upset can occur. This includes: vomit, diarrhea, and general discomfort. Acorns or pieces of acorns can also cause obstruction, especially in smaller dogs. An additional concern is water that has acorns or oak leaves in bowl. Drinking this water can cause similar stomach upset for your pet. Training your pet to "leave it" or "drop it" can put your mind at ease when you see them using acorns as a play toy!

Did you know??

- Sensitivity to catnip is genetic, and only about 50% of cats experience its effects.
- A dog's nose print is as unique as a human fingerprint.

