

Creekside Online Pharmacy

Did you know we have an online pharmacy? We've partnered with Vetsource to offer all the products we carry in clinic as well as many more that we don't, including both prescription and over the counter products. Product manufacturer guarantees and rebates still apply when ordering from our online store!

If you need help creating a user profile, please don't hesitate to contact us!

You can find our pharmacy 4 ways:

- 1) <https://creeksideanimalhospital.securevetsource.com/>
- 2) Find the link at the top of our clinic website at creeksideah.com
- 3) In our app, select Orders, then the green plus, then select delivery.
- 4) Scan the QR code found here.



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Or Current Resident

Spring Time Dangers

According to the ASPCA Poison Control, the top four Spring dangers are:

- **Chocolate.** It can cause stomach upset, pancreatitis, increased heart rate, hyperactivity, tremors, and seizures. Not all types of chocolate are equal in danger. Add-ins to also be on the alert for: xylitol, raisins, and macadamia nuts.
- **Plastic Easter Grass.** It is not absorbed and gets lodged in the intestinal tract. Signs to monitor for include - vomiting, diarrhea, decrease in appetite, lethargy & stomach pain.
- **Plants.** Many plants can be dangerous for pets to consume, but in the Spring, Lilies and other bulbs are common toxin concerns, specifically for our feline friends. Exposure to any part of these plants can result in kidney and intestinal damage.
- **Fertilizers and Herbicides.** With the warmer weather, many people start tending to their yard and garden. Take care to put these products where pets cannot break into the containers and keep pets indoors during application and drying of the product.

ASPCA Poison Control number is **888-426-4435**. They will inform you of the severity of the situation and give you a case number we can reference for treatment protocol.



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to receive
reminders and
newsletters
digitally.

Heartworm Prevention

With the warmer months approaching quickly, we want to make sure you are in the “know” regarding heartworm preventions and what you can do to prevent your pet from having a positive heartworm test. Heartworms are spread through mosquitos. An infected mosquito transmits the infective larvae to the pet through the bite wound. The larvae will then mature into adult heartworms within the next 6-7 months. These heartworms will cause damage to their heart, lungs, and kidneys. As few as one heartworm can be deadly, especially for your feline family member.

We recommend keeping your cats and dogs on heartworm prevention year round, because even one missed dose can allow for an infection to take place.

Unfortunately, with Indiana weather, we cannot confidently say when mosquitos hibernate. Therefore, keeping your pet on year round prevention is the best solution to keep your pet safe. We currently have a promotion running until the end of the year. If you purchase 12 months of heartworm prevention at one time for a single pet, you will receive an instant \$10 off your invoice. PLUS the manufacture rebate on top of that! Help keep your pet safe and contact us today for your preventions!

Solensia

Exciting news for Osteoarthritis (OA) pain management for our feline friends! Solensia works differently than other anti-inflammatory drugs and is safer for long term use. 77% of owners reported improvement in signs of pain when their cats were treated monthly with Solensia in a 3-month study. Solensia was even found to be well tolerated in field studies that include cats with early kidney disease. Approximate 60% of cats over 6 years old and 90% of cats over 12 years old are affected by OA.

While cats are notorious for hiding everything from their owners (especially pain), you may notice: trouble getting up and down, stiff gait, lameness in one or more legs, unwillingness to go up and/or down stairs, unwillingness to jump up or down (onto/off furniture), stiff, swollen, or sore joints, averseness to being touched, and unanticipated aggression towards others.

Unfortunately, we cannot cure OA, only manage symptoms. The best results come from combining therapies (such as Solensia). *see the blog post on our website about Arthritis in Cats for more information.

What does a Vet Tech do?

What a technician actually does in the clinic can be a mystery to the outside world. It is even different from clinic to clinic and definitely depends on what state you are in. Currently, there is an effort to bring forward unified legislation across the country of what we may do.

In Indiana, we are titled Registered Veterinary Technicians (RVT's) when we have graduated from an accredited school and passed the national boards and state law exam. We may not diagnose, prognose, prescribe medication or perform a surgical procedure, although we often aid in all of these and relay these topics from the veterinarian to the owner.

We are:

- Nurses - Handle general care of patients.
- Surgical Assistants - Prepare patient, administer anesthesia, & monitor patients.
- Oral Hygienists - Perform skull CT, charts oral health, clean and polish teeth.
- X-ray Technicians - Perform diagnostic radiographs.
- Phlebotomists - Draw blood and place IV catheters.
- Laboratory Technicians - Prepare and run tests on blood, urine, feces, and more.
- Educators - Discuss home care, health care, and disease processes.
- Caretakers - Feed, walk, and pick up after patients.
- Groomers - Anal gland expressions, pluck ears, nail trims, and clips fur.
- Shoulders to Cry On - When bad news happens or loved pets cross the rainbow bridge.

Lyme Disease Vaccine

Lyme disease is caused by bacteria carried by ticks. The most common symptoms are lameness, swollen lymph nodes and joints, fatigue and loss of appetite. It can also cause serious kidney complications. We recommend vaccinating against Lyme disease if you and your dog live in, or frequently visit, areas with high potential for tick exposure. These locations include but are not limited to: wooded areas or places with tall grasses. The Midwest is a hot spot for ticks - most dogs locally would benefit from the additional prevention. Call to discuss your pet's individual risk factors for tick exposure.

Flea/Tick Prevention

Spring is around the corner, and with that comes warmer weather, fleas, and ticks. Just like heartworm prevention, we recommend keeping your pets on flea/tick prevention year round to be on the safe side. Indiana weather is unpredictable, and therefore, we cannot confidently say when fleas/ticks are not active (especially since these guys can survive in your home). This makes even indoor only cats at risk! These little pests can carry additional parasites and bacteria that get passed on to your pet.

Keeping your pet on preventions year round is the best way to protect your fur babies. We offer rebates to help lower the cost as well! So help keep your pet safe and contact us today for your preventions!