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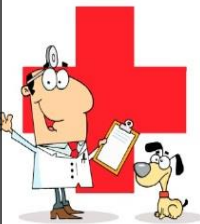
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### Summer 2017

The doctors and staff at Creekside Animal Hospital & Wellness Center would like to thank our clients for their patience & loyalty as we opened our second location in October of 2016. We wouldn't be able to grow & thrive without the trust of our amazing clients.



## Canine Influenza

Since the canine influenza virus H3N2 strain first emerged in Chicago in 2015, it has spread quite sporadically throughout the U.S. States with confirmed H3N2 in 2017 are Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, North Carolina, South Carolina, Missouri, Tennessee, Texas, and now Indiana. This virus is highly contagious and can be brought home on human hands and can last 24 hours on clothing. The doctors and staff at Creekside Animal Hospital & Wellness Center recommend vaccinating your dogs against canine influenza if they go to dog parks, boarding facilities, grooming facilities or are around other dogs outside of your home. Call us at (765) 742-0140 for more details.

Please help us in welcoming to the Creekside family, our sixth veterinarian  
- Dr. Nicole Amsler.



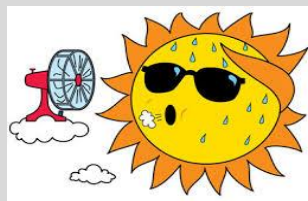
Dr. Amsler was born in Germany, where she lived until she was 9 years old. Her fathers' military career then moved them to Washington state followed by Lafayette, Indiana, where they made their home. Dr. Amsler has always had a passion for animals and known since she was 14 years old that she wanted to be a veterinarian. She graduated from Purdue University College of Veterinary Medicine in 2010. During her externship, Dr. Amsler worked for us here at Creekside. After college, Dr. Amsler worked at a couple different practices while waiting for the opportunity to move back home to Lafayette. With our growing practice, we soon learned that we were needing to add to our staff and Dr. Jackson knew that Dr. Amsler would be the perfect fit. She was more than excited to move home and start practicing with us. She's been with Creekside since April 2017 and has made a great addition to our family. Feel free to swing on by and say hi!

## Preventing Heat strokes

Along with the sunshine and barbeques, this time of year also brings heat. It is very important for us pet owners to remember our canine and feline friends while enjoying the warm weather. Heat strokes are a serious threat during the warmer months and lead to a series of conditions that can result in organ failure, brain damage, and even death. A heat stroke occurs when your pet's internal temperature becomes too high. It can be caused by being in a hot car or over exercising in hot and/or humid weather. Heavy panting, rapid heartbeat, excessive drinking, lethargy, lack of coordination, glazed eyes, and seizing are a few signs of a heat stroke. Here are a few tips in preventing heat strokes this summer:

- Provide plenty of fresh water to your pets while outside
- Keep shaded areas accessible
- Never leave a pet unattended in a parked car for any amount of time
- Limit outdoor activity to early morning and late evening when the temperatures are cooler
- Take water with you when you walk your pets to prevent overheating away from the home

If your pet is showing signs of overheating, it is an emergency. Please contact Creekside Animal Hospital & Wellness Center immediately.



## Thunderstorm & Firework Anxiety

Although 4th of July is over, I'm sure we've all heard the boom of those lingering fireworks. If your dog has issues with fireworks and/or thunderstorms, we have a new medication to help reduce that anxiety.

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## Cookouts, Barbeques, and more!

*Everyone loves a backyard barbeque or a good ol' family cookout. Time to relax, play a little corn hole, and feast on all of your BBQ favorites. While your dog may also enjoy feasting on your yummy table scraps, a little bit of this and a taste of that can actually be dangerous for your pooch.*

*Here are a few examples of foods that our furry friends shouldn't get their paws on:*

**Food with bones** - Bones can splinter and hurt your pet's GI systems, sometimes even piercing their bowels.

**Fruits with pits** - Avocados, peaches, and other fruits with pits can be choking hazards.

**Corn on the cob** - Dogs often have a hard time digesting corn cobs and they can become choking hazards.

**Foods with toothpicks or skewers** - Just one toothpick or skewer can pierce or make a hole in the intestines. **Alcoholic Beverages** - Small amounts of alcohol can cause digestive upset, comas, kidney failure, and heart failure. **Grapes & Raisins** - Even a small amount of grapes & raisins can cause sudden kidney failure.



**Creekside is riding in style!**

**Give us a wave if you see the Flex around town!**

## Ticks & Lyme Disease

The veterinarians at Creekside Animal Hospital & Wellness Center highly recommend keeping your pet on flea and tick prevention and vaccinating your dog with the Lyme disease vaccine. Even dogs that receive tick control products year-round and don't spend a lot of time outdoors may still be at risk for exposure of tick-borne diseases.

Symptoms of tick-borne diseases range from joint pain, lethargy, and lameness to decreased appetite and fever. Your pet has never been vaccinated for Lyme disease? Not a problem. As long as he/she has been seen by one of our veterinarians within the last year, it will be a quick in and out appointment; just don't forget to come back for the vaccine booster in 3-4 weeks. That second vaccine will ensure that your pet has the immunity it needs to fight the disease if exposed during the following year. The vaccine is then boosted annually.

We carry a variety of flea & tick preventatives at both locations. Talk to one of our staff members today about which preventative is best for you.

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