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"Where your pet's health and happiness is our priority!"

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Winter Tips for you and your furry friend

With winter and the holiday season right around the corner, there are certain precautions we as pet owners should be aware of when the snow flies and the holiday decorations come out. Here are some tips to protect our furry friends:

- When salting driveways and sidewalks, use a <u>pet safe</u> formula. We recommend using "Safe Paws".
- Keep tinsel on trees out of pet's reach. This can be a dangerous decoration if swallowed.
- Keep chocolate and sweet treats out of pet's reach.
- Keep long hair trimmed between toes to prevent ice balls, or invest in "pet booties."
- Keep outside water bowls clear of ice. Invest in a heated water bowl.
- Keep blankets and bedding in outdoor dog houses and kennels clean and dry.



Pet Dentals: Why are they important??

Did you know...?

85% of adult dogs have periodontal disease! Just imagine not brushing your teeth after eating for weeks, even months! Brushing your pet's teeth is a simple way to prevent periodontal disease. It may sound silly, but it has proven health benefits. See for yourself!

- Dental disease can cause damage to the liver, kidneys, heart valves, and lungs. It can also shorten a dog's life span by 3-4 years.
- Plaque on the teeth can mineralize into tartar, which destroys gum tissue and results in the loss of tissues and bone, which support the teeth.
- Infected gum tissue gives bacteria a direct path into the bloodstream.

Please ask a staff member for a sample toothbrush and toothpaste kit to get started!!



A Big Thanks!!

We would like to thank everyone who helped make our 3rd Annual Howl-o-Ween party a success! Here are a few of our trick-or-treaters. The complete album can be found at www.ladyvetanimalhospital.com.

We Now Offer....

Ever wonder what breed(s) is in your "mutt?" We now offer what is called a Wisdom Panel. With a simple blood sample, this test checks your pet's DNA, and will be able to tell what your mixed breed actually is, and if the breed is prone to problems, how big they will get, what genetic traits they carry, etc.

COMING IN JANUARY

We will be offering **ProHeart 6** injections again in January 2011. A single injection protects your pet against heartworm disease for 6 months at a time. It does **NOT** deworm your pet, unlike

Heartgard Plus, Iverhart Max, etc. We will be offering ProHeart 6 injections along with a parasite prevention package.

Just a Reminder...

We are no longer closed from Noon-2 PM daily. Our updated hours are:

Monday: 8:30 AM- 6:30 PM

Tuesday-Friday: 8:30 AM-5:30 PM

We are still closed Saturday and Sunday. Call hospital for emergency instructions.



Requirements for a Proheart 6 Injection:

- Must be in good health, with no pre-existing health conditions.
- Dogs must have obtained most of their adult size at time of injection (if young), and not be considered a "senior pet."
- Owner must sign a consent form
- Must have a negative heartworm check before giving an injection.