

Dekalb Tails



Dekalb Animal Hospital

The New Frontier for Fleas

Owners, fear no more, comfortis is the latest breakthrough in flea prevention to save your pets! Comfortis is the first FDA- approved, chewable beef-flavored product to treat flea and prevent infestations for an entire month. Comfortis is a new convenient tablet that is easy to offer and starts killing fleas within 30 minutes. The benefits to Comfortis in comparison to other topical brands include the satisfaction of overall effectiveness because of the way it's administered. With topical brands, you must wait at least 24 hours to bath your pets. After immediately administering Comfortis, owners are capable of interacting and playing with pets without any concern to affecting the treatment or even being exposed to it. Comfortis has also been proven to prevent against ticks on a monthly basis. Protecting your pets from fleas should be easy and convenient. Contact us today about an effective, monthly flea protection— Comfortis chewable tablets. In addition, to Comfortis, we carry various alternative flea, tick, and heartworm preventative combinations. Contact us for more information about these products.



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Heartworm Prevention: Shortage of medication

Heartworm prevention is vital to your pet (s) overall health and is most recently becoming a growing concern on a national scale.

"Immiticide" is the nation's only heartworm disease

medication and it's production has ceased since late 2009.

While supplies are low and no alternatives are present, it is extremely dangerous for any animal to contract the disease at this time. Keeping your pet

on monthly protection is the best way you can help prevent this disease. Contact us about heartworm medications including Interceptor, Sentinel, and Revolution.

Rabies Alert: Keep Your Pets Protected

Attention owners! Lawrenceville Animal Care Center reported a rabies-positive raccoon found May 20th on Chatsworth Trail near Sugarloaf Parkway and Old Snellville Highway.

We strongly encourage the safety of you and your family. Contact us ASAP with

any questions and/or to schedule an appointment for rabies vaccinations.

How do I protect my pet?

- Keeping your pet (s) current on their rabies vaccination
- Avoid contact with animals you don't know
- Follow quarantine regulations on transporting animals when traveling

What are my options?

We offer two different options when it comes to rabies vaccinations. The first is an annual rabies vaccine. The second option is a 3-yr rabies vaccine. Both options can be administered to felines and canines.

HomeAgain Microchip, *"helping your pets find their way home"*

Unfortunate as it may be, pets get lost every day. The HomeAgain pet microchip network includes a team of over 450,000 vets, animal shelters, volunteer PetRescuers, and additional pet wellness services to maintain your pet from losing it's way.

Why do pets get lost?

1 in 3 pets gets lost during their lifetime. The American Human Society Association states that only about 15% of lost dogs and 2% of lost cats return home. Lost pets that never find home and/or are rescued by humane societies and animal control agencies



Without proper identification, 90% of pets never return home.



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are subject to euthanasia because many facilities are unable to care for the overwhelming amount of lost animals.

How does HomeAgain work?

The first step with HomeAgain is registering your pet with a microchip. This is a simple procedure that can be scheduled at your veterinarian's office. The microchip is about the size of a grain of rice injected beneath the skin

between the shoulder blades. A microchip allows your pet to be located and rescued by HomeAgain databases. The actual injection lasts merely seconds, much like the administration of a vaccine and no anesthetic is required.

Once a pet is reported lost, the HomeAgain network works to find, identify, and locate your pet. Owners are provided with a list of shelters to start communicating,

local PetRescuers are notified, and local clinics and shelters receive information of your lost animal (s). HomeAgain is equipped with superior technology and dedication to provide a service vital to you and your loved animals.

(HomeAgain Statistics available at: <http://public.homeagain.com/>)

Be A Cool Owner: Don't Let Your Dog Overheat

Living in the south under extreme temperatures not only affects us, but our four-legged friends as well. An important concern for many pets during the summer months is heatstroke and heat exhaustion. A dog's normal body temperature ranges from 100.5 to 102.5 degrees Fahrenheit. If a dog's tem-

perature rises to between 105 or 106 degrees, the pet is at risk for developing heat exhaustion. If the temperature rises even further to 107 degrees, your pet is then at risk for heat stroke. Heat stroke is dangerous because irreversible damage and possible death may occur.

What can I do?

- Never leave your pet alone in a vehicle
- Carry water for you pets or make a water bowl available at all times
- Don't force your animals to exercise in hot humid weather after meals
- Provide a working dog/cat door or shaded areas and doghouses for outside animals



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