

Dekalb Tails



Dekalb Animal Hospital

Spring Flea and Tick Control

Warm weather is just around the corner and with it will come those pesky fleas, ticks and mosquitoes. In the South we recommend keeping our pets on heartworm prevention year round. If you are taking Sentinel or Revolution as your monthly heartworm prevention you are ready. If you ran out of heartworm prevention over the winter or are on a product that does not control fleas now is the time to act before its too late. Our favorite product for flea control in dogs is Comfortis. It an oral chewable beef flavored tablets that starts killing fleas in 30 minutes and works for a month. If ticks are a problem we can provide you with a tick collar or we recommend K9 advantix - a monthly topical

medication which controls fleas, ticks and biting flies.

Revolution is a great product that prevents heartworms and controls fleas and ticks with one monthly application.

If you have any questions about what product would be best for your pet drop by or call us today.



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Why Buy from them When you Can get the same products from us ?

We have all seen the commercials on TV for the internet pharmacies that claim they can provide your monthly medications at half the price of your veterinarian. Many of our

clients are surprised to find that our prices are competitive and sometimes lower than the internet pharmacies.

Why buy from us ?

Knowing you and your

pet we are in the best position to advise you on which medication will be best depending on your pets individual

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needs and medical history. If there is reaction or failure from any medication you purchase through us ,the manufacturer will stand behind the product and will probably reimburse you for any medical treatment resulting from that problem. They will not do that if the medication was not purchased from a veterinarian

Our prices are very competitive and sometimes even lower than the internet pharmacies. Our doctors and staff are available to answer any questions you might have concerning you pets medications .



Canine Parvo

What is Parvovirus? We know parvovirus usually by the name "parvo". Parvo is a virus that mainly affects the canine species. There is mostly one common form of parvo. This form is called the Internal Parvovirus.

With the internal parvovirus the pet becomes infected through oral contact with the virus either from feces, infected soil, or fomites (clothes, mop heads, shoes, etc.). When the virus is ingested, the virus then attacks dividing cells, usually in the lymph nodes, intestinal crypts and bone marrow.

After the virus takes its course of action you can then begin to see the sign of parvo. A few things that you would want to watch out for would be vomiting, bloody diarrhea, lethargy, pale gums, and no interest in eating or drinking. There is a simple test that can be ran in the hospital by testing a stool sample. Therefore you

have results rather quickly.

?? How to prevent your pet from getting Parvo

You can avoid having your pet get this virus by taking your pet to get the proper vaccinations. There is a series of vaccinations that need to be given and followed thoroughly. While your pet is in the vaccination process you should try and avoid taking the pet anywhere unsafe. You should avoid the park or any other facilities that may have unvaccinated dogs in that area. Just because the pet may have had one or two of the vaccines, there is still a chance that the patient may get the virus.

?? Is there a cure?

Unfortunately there is no cure for the parvovirus, but you can offer therapeutic help. The dog is usually hospitalized from a time period of 3-7 days, depending on

the severity of the case. While in the hospital they are on intense IV fluid therapy to help with dehydration, antibiotics to help with any bacterial infections and they are also on medications to help stop the vomiting. Some dogs may need to get their proteins replaced through a plasma infusion.

Just remember to get your pet vaccinated, starting from a puppy all the way through their adult life.



A Good Home

Dear Pet Loving Readers,

I'm barking for your help! My name is Ace. I'm a ten month Labrador puppy in need of a loving home. Due to some recent changes in my owner's life, I've been relocated and spend most of my time crated in a garage. My owner knows how important my health is and has kept me currently updated with vaccines, heartworms, and flea prevention with the exception of being neutered. Before moving, I spent most of my time swimming and playing in my fenced in backyard but since, have been too confined and am in need of some serious exercise and playtime!! I love other dogs and I am great with the kids! I'm just a sweet, fun-loving dog ready to give you my love. I'm free to a good home and will be eternally grateful with love and companionship. All I need is a home to protect, a yard to roam, and someone to love. If you can hear me barking, please come to my rescue! I'm hoping to be adopted soon because I know there's a good home out there for me some where.



Whiskers & Wags,

Ace



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Funny

A blind man with his seeing eye dog walks into the grocery store. The man walks to the middle of the store, picks his dog up by the tail, and starts swinging the dog over his head in circles.

The store manager, who sees all of this, thinks that this is quite strange. So he decides to find out what's going on. The manager approaches the man swinging the

dog and asks, "Pardon me sir, is there anything I can help you with?"

The blind man says, "No thanks, I'm just looking around."

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