

Dekalb Tails

Dekalb Animal Hospital

Meet Cowboy and Pollie

We at Dekalb Animal Hospital would like to introduce you to Cowboy. He was found by one of our very own doctors just a couple weeks ago. Cowboy is guesstimated to be around 1 year old. He is fully grown papillon mix weighing 11lbs, He is friendly with other dogs and cats, and he loves attention. Cowboy was just recently neutered as well. Unfortunately we cannot love and care for him the way a family would be able to. Although we do love and adore him, we want to give him the opportunity to experience the real family life. If you know anyone who may need a little friend, please come by and ask about Cowboy. We will be more than happy to allow you to spend some one on one time with him. Just give us a call and bring by the family and furry friends that you may want to introduce Cowboy to.



Meet Pollie! This kitty received the name Pollie because she is what we would call polydactyl, she has extra digits. Pollie is guesstimated to be around the age of 5 or 6. She is a loving and friendly kitty who just wants to live the life of a normal house cat. With your help, we're hoping to find her the happy home she deserves. Even though we do all love her hugs and kisses, we can't give her the space and attention that she needs. She was dropped off on our doorstep. She has been fully vaccinated and spayed. If you know anyone who may be interested please contact us at 770-938-3900.



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Senior Pets

In today's society, our pets have been able to experience a longer lifespan than ever before, thanks to the advances in veterinary medicine. Many people get confused about whether their pet is considered a senior and how to maintain their overall health.

Just like humans, the older you get, the more health problems you are most likely to have. The three most common causes of non accidental death among canines and felines are cancer, kidney disease, and heart disease. The recommended precautions would

be regular visits to your pets veterinarian, proper nutrition, and regular exercise.

For canines another common factor that comes with senior aging, would be osteoarthritis.

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Senior Pets Cont...

We all know that the older we get, the less our metabolism works. For canines, it is recommended that their caloric intake is lessened by 20 to 30 percent, especially with overweight dogs. No matter the age, they should still be getting the proper amount of exercise.

Here are a few things that you could keep an eye out for:

- ◆ Sudden weight loss or gain
- ◆ Decrease or increase in appetite
- ◆ Seizures

◆ Excessive panting

Be sure to take your pet regularly to their vet for general check ups, blood work and to just educate yourself on how your pets aging process is going.

The image to the right is a chart of different ages for canines and felines, relative to human years.

The month of September is Senior Pet Month!! So be sure to give your pet some

Pet's age	Cat	Dogs 0-20 lbs	Dogs 21-50 lbs	Dogs 51-90 lbs	Dogs >90 lbs
5	36	36	37	40	42
6	40	40	42	45	49
7	44	44	47	50	56
8	48	48	51	55	64
9	52	52	56	61	71
10	56	56	60	66	78
11	60	60	65	72	86
12	64	64	69	77	93
13	68	68	74	82	101
14	72	72	78	88	108
15	76	76	83	93	115
16	80	80	87	99	123
17	84	84	92	104	
18	88	88	96	109	
19	92	92	101	115	
20	96	96	105	120	

Senior
 Geriatric

Toxins In Your Own Home

Having a pet can be categorized in the same group of having a small child. You have to take on many precautions of playing keep away. Our pets enjoy people food much more than their own, but there are limitations in what they can be allowed to eat.

The number one common scare is chocolate. With there being a variety of chocolate,

baking chocolate and cocoa powder would be the most toxic. Just consuming a quarter packet of cocoa powder can cause serious issues such as diarrhea, vomiting, seizures, coma, tremors, fever and death. The darker the chocolate the more likely it is to be more toxic.

Other toxic foods would be onions, garlic,

mushrooms, grapes, raisins, macadamia nuts, certain baby foods that contain onion powder, milk, dairy products, and more. Some of the symptoms may not be noticeable until a few days after consumption. Just be sure to call your pets veterinarian for further advice if any of these things were consumed by your pet.

Protecting Your Pet From Foreign Bodies

Dogs and cats are highly capable of getting a foreign body. Dogs especially are highly known for getting them. Their issue is that they will eat almost anything from toys, bones, objects with food or smell relatively close to being food. Basically anything that appeals good to them. Dogs are considered highly susceptible to gastrointestinal obstruction because they have the ability to swallow larger objects that can pass through

the esophagus. Foreign bodies are most commonly lodged in the stomach due to the inability to pass through the pyloric sphincter. A few common signs are: vomiting, abdominal pain, and depression due to dehydration.

For felines the most common foreign body type would be called Linear Foreign Body. This means there is a long rope or string with a material on either end of the string/

rope. While passing through the intestines, the object becomes tightly stretched and the intestines could "accordion up" or become lacerated by it. For dogs pantyhose would be a good example of a Linear Foreign Body.



Importance of Heartworm Prevention

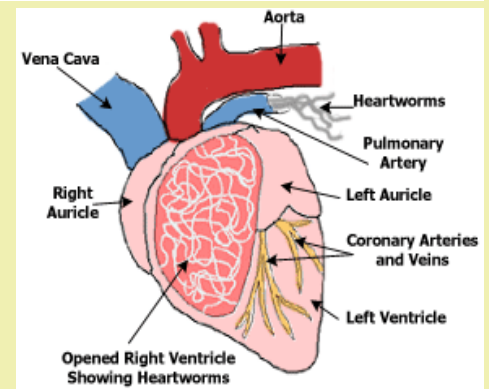
There are a few concerns regarding whether or not you have to keep your cat or dog on heartworm and flea prevention through the colder months of the year. Of course it is highly recommended that your pet is kept on their monthly prevention for a few reasons.

The number one concern would be if your pet gets bit by one single infected mosquito, your pet would be heartworm positive. Fortunately for canines there are treatments that can be done. The only thing is that its still a very dangerous procedure that can also be fatal. Unfortunately for felines,

there is no cure for heartworms.

Another positive side to maintaining your pet on the monthly prevention is that the prevention also acts as a de-wormer fighting against intestinal parasites such as: whipworms, hookworms, and roundworms. For felines its also a good way of keeping away the ear mites.

If all it took were to take one pill a month to keep away an infectious disease, then life would be made simpler for us. Lucky for them, that's all it takes.



This image shows what a heartworm positive heart looks like.

Dekalb News

There are a few tid-bits that we would like to share with you. We are now offering training canine classes through one of our own clients, Chris Redenbach. She has a website that can be viewed at www.thebalanceddog.com. The classes will begin in September and held on Thursdays after hours at the clinic. For more information please contact us at 770-938-

3900 or follow the link on her very own website.

In some exciting news, we just finished undergoing remodeling. We are very proud and excited how everything turned out!! Feel free to come and take a glance at what the new clinic looks like inside!! On the next page there are a few pictures that give you a taste of how much the

clinic has changed!

Dr. Rush and his bully A.J. to the right.



A few Funny Catches

* A three-year old boy went with his dad to see a new litter of Labrador puppies. On returning home, he breathlessly informed his mother, "There are three girl Labrador puppies and four boy Labrador puppies."

'How did u know that?' his mother asked.

'Daddy picked them up underneath,' he replied. "I think its printed on their bottoms."

◆ A wife says to her husband one weekend morning, "We've got such a clever dog. He brings us the daily newspapers every morning." Her husband replies "well lots of dogs can do that." The wife responded, "But we've never subscribed to any."

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Before on left and After on right (Treatment area)



Surgery room Before on left and After on right

