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Doctors Advice



The Bubonic Plague...The Black Death.

So why am I talking to you about a disease that killed millions of people in the Middle Ages? Because it still exists, and you could be exposed to it on any random day in the neighborhood. The CDC lists the most common states with human cases of plague are New Mexico, Nevada and **Colorado**. Dogs and cats especially can be infected with plague by coming in contact with squirrels, prairie dogs, rabbits and other rodents. Unfortunately, they don't even have to come in direct contact with an animal to get the disease. The fleas that live on rabbits and rodents are the actual carriers of the disease *Yersinia Pestis*. When a dog or cat snoops around near the entrance of a burrow or under a bush where a squirrel may have been hanging out, a single flea can "bum a ride" and the cat or dog gets the infection. This is why our parents told us never to play with animal carcasses. Plague is fatal to people as well as animals if not treated immediately. A flea collar won't do a bit of good to protect your pet or your family, but Advantage for Cats and Advantix for Dogs can save a life. We implore you to use a worthy flea preventative if your cat goes outdoors! (Cats seem to be the more likely victims.)

Pet Birthdays



Ginger R. Iggie D. Rags I.
Rosco R. Max M. Lilly Noelle H.
Bones B. Katrina C. Casey S.

And so many more, we couldn't list them all. To get on our e-mailing list for special birthday giveaways, contact our office with your e-mail address.

Pet Obituaries

Malik C. Princess H. Gus R.
Benjamin J. Beaumont M.

Our next canine dental day for anesthesia-free cleanings: July 12 and August 9.

Pet Treat Ideas (Pupsicles)

2 cups low salt beef or chicken broth
2/3 cups water
2-3 ice cube trays

Directions:

Mix water with broth and pour into ice cube trays. For an extra treat add a small piece of Puperoni stick when half way through freezing.

Katie age 11

Did You Know? By Norman Briggs CVT

Did you know that you can discourage behavior problems with loud noises other than yelling? You can try a clicker, compressed gas duster, or even an air horn to distract your pet during an undesired behavioral event. Be careful to make the noise during or within seconds of the undesired behavior. Redirect your pet's attention to a more desired behavior, and lavishly praise them for their good behavior.

From the Technician By Becky Thompson CVT

Protect Your Family against harmful parasites with an annual dewormer for furry dog and cat members. This will protect the rest of the family from becoming an accidental host to harmful parasites. Depending on lifestyle and exposure, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends giving a dewormer 2 to 4 times yearly. This is for the health of **the whole** family because parasites can cause serious illness when left untreated. Parasites cannot always be seen in stool by the naked eye unless the infestation is so large worms are present in the feces due to overcrowding.

Most humans accidentally contract parasites from the contaminated home environment and yard rather than the pet itself, so it's really important to pick up feces in the yard on a regular basis and to deworm to decrease the chance of accidentally getting sick from your pet. Many pets may actually appear healthy and don't exhibit signs of illness until they become overwhelmed with parasites. In fact, a nationwide study found more than 1 in 3 dogs is infected with parasites and almost all puppies carry at least one type of parasite. Parasites can be easily prevented with just a chewable tablet given once every 3-6 months. P.S. Grocery store dewormers will do little to protect from the most serious forms of parasites. Visit the vet for Drontal Plus!



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