



August Newsletter



National Immunization Awareness Month
Our pets are a part of our family; and because of that reason we want to protect them to the fullest extent. One of the easiest ways to keep our pets healthy is by ensuring they stay up to date on their vaccinations. By keeping their vaccines current, it protects them from contracting illnesses from wild animals or unvaccinated animals. These illnesses can affect their gastrointestinal, immune, and respiratory systems.

The Animal Wellness Center offers the following vaccines for our patients:
Dog Vaccines: Rabies, Distemper+Lepto, Lyme, Bordetella
Cat Vaccines: Rabies, Distemper, Leukemia



August 22nd marks National Bring Your Cat to the Vet day!
This is the perfect opportunity to schedule your cat's routine check-up.
Call us today!

August 15th is National Check the Chip day!
Microchipping your pet greatly increases the chance of finding your pet should they ever get lost or stolen. This is a great time to remind everyone to be sure their information registered on the chip is current.

MICROCHIP YOUR PET

Microchips don't replace a tag and collar, but they can make all the difference when it comes to getting your pet back.



Did You Know?



1 in 3 family pets will get lost



Microchipped dogs are more than twice as likely to be returned to their owners.





But only about **6 out of 10** microchips are registered



Microchipped cats are more than 20 times as likely to be returned to their owners.

Successful Reunions



Gidget, a dog from Pittsburgh, PA, was found more than **2500 miles** away in Portland, OR



George, a cat in California was reunited with his family after **13 years**

When a microchipped pet isn't returned home, it's usually due to incorrect or missing owner information in the microchip registry.

In 2015, HomeAgain reunited **227,274** pets

To date, HomeAgain has reunited over **1,000,000** pets with their owners



Register and update your pet's microchip!





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Ask Dr. Sarah

As we age, we understand the importance of regular visits to the doctor to keep tabs on our health and help to catch potential problems before they start. The same is true for our pets. We recommend that all senior pets (7+ years old) come in for yearly checkups.



There are many reasons to bring your senior pet in for yearly visits. Here are a couple of components of a wellness exam in older patients:

- Physical exam assessing teeth, eyes, ears, heart, lungs, abdomen, skin, joints, etc.
- Vaccines
- Fecal exam to check for parasites
- 4Dx test for heartworm and tick borne illnesses (in canines only)
- Screening blood work (looks at internal organ function, red blood cells, and white blood cells)
- Environmental assessment
- Dietary assessment
- Behavior assessment



That's a lot to cover in a single exam! However, these exams are particularly important for our older pets so we can detect and possibly avoid many of the diseases that develop as they age.



Here are some of the most common diseases affecting both senior dogs and cats that can be detected with an exam and appropriate diagnostics:

- Arthritis
- Cancer
- Dental Disease
- Diabetes
- Heart Disease
- Kidney Disease

While this list is not comprehensive, and there are many more conditions that affect our gray-furred friends, these diseases account for a large percentage of the cases that we see.

If you notice your pet has any changes in behavior, ability to get around, appetite, thirst, or experiences any lethargy, coughing, vomiting, or diarrhea, please bring your pet in for an evaluation.

If your senior pet is doing well, schedule your routine annual visit so we can work together to make sure they are on track for many more years of good health!



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