

TOWN & COUNTRY VETERINARY CLINIC

24 HOUR VETERINARY EXCELLENCE

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MONTHLY SPECIALS:

January: FREE Furminator with any groom/bath & 10% off prevention products

February: Take 10% off Dental procedure

March: Receive \$10 off Wellness labwork

FURMINATOR:

The special deshedding tool removes the problematic undercoat, the visual hair you see around your house, by up to 90% without direct sacrifice of the topcoat. Wondering how it works on cats? It removes the hair similarly and reduces the chances of hairball formation. Call (540) 382-5042 to schedule your pet's furminator today!



WINTER HAZARDS

Winter weather is quickly approaching! With this, there are several cold weather hazards you should be aware of to keep your pets safe. Ethylene Glycol, also known as antifreeze, is an extremely toxic poison if ingested by pets. Unfortunately after consumption, antifreeze is metabolized by the body, crystals form in the urine, and renal failure is induced. Be sure to clean up all spills and store containers securely.

With the drop in temperatures, outdoor pets are most at risk for hypothermia and frostbite. Fur coats are beneficial but do not insulate completely. Hypothermia can lead to cardiac arrest and other medical ailments that will require immediate veterinary attention. Providing appropriate shelter or bringing animals in during the winter climates can reduce these incidences.

Paw pads are extremely sensitive, especially to ice-melting chemicals and road salts. These products can cause severe burns when exposed to the skin and feet for extended periods of time.



WELLNESS PANEL

Annual bloodwork is vital in tracking subtle changes in your pet's health. Wellness panels are providing our doctors with a medical baseline to aid in early detection of abnormalities such as heartworm and parasitic diseases, thyroid, kidney and liver function, and inflammation. Take an additional \$10 off a panel in March and confirm your pet's health is optimal!

PREVENTATIVES:

There are a variety of products available in-clinic with oral or topical routes of administration. Trifexis, Interceptor, Heartgard, and Revolution are heartworm products routinely stocked. Bravecto and Vectra are common flea/tick medications used.

Topical medications are effective at eliminating and preventing flea and tick infestations.

Oral products now include tick coverage which allows less mess, while eliminating skin reaction occurrences in sensitive animals. Cost may be a concern with oral products. However, coverage for some products span 12 weeks.

If you suspect contamination, wash your pet's paws thoroughly. You may also consider pet-safe booties to prevent irritation. Should you have an extreme weather concern, we are available 24/7 for boarding reservations.

BLADDER STONES IN FELINES

Clinically known as uroliths, bladder stones are a rock-hard collection of minerals that will rub and irritate the bladder lining. As a result, this can lead to frequent urination, urine with blood, and even obstruction of urinary flow. A cat that meows or cries in the litter box may be experiencing pain related to stones. **This is extremely painful and requires emergency treatment!**



Smaller stones pose more of a risk due to their ability to "escape" the bladder into the exiting canal (urethra), causing an obstruction.

The method of treatment and prevention is based on the stone type. There are a variety of stones but the most common are struvite and calcium oxalate. A special stone dissolving diet can be prescribed by your pet's veterinarian. However, if the diet is not successful at dissolving, surgical removal will have to be considered. Providing plenty of fresh drinking water, feeding a wet food based diet, and keeping the litter box clean can assist in elimination of urinary complications.