

The Pet Gazette

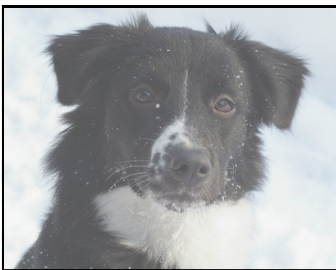
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Senior Program

Just a reminder that your pet may apply for our new senior pet program! Ask our staff for more details.



This is Daisy! She is now 7 months old and is a very special member of Holly's family.

DENTAL HEALTH MONTH!

Remember February is Dental Health Month! Get a dental cleaning done during that month and you will receive 10% off your cleaning and the cost of anesthesia. Call soon to set up your appointment because the slots do fill up quickly!

Hello all! January has already fallen upon us, which means it's once again time for another newsletter. Some of you may have noticed that our sign out front is missing. We are in the process of trying to replace it, but unfortunately it won't be replaced until the ground has thawed. Without our sign our building does tend to blend in, so when you come for your appointments make sure not to pass us by!

On a sad note, we lost our Georgie this last December. He was such a great cat and a special member of our team. We will always remember his special way of greeting clients, his gentle manner, his chirping purr, and his willingness to help us out when needed. He was our wonderful George who will be greatly missed and remain in our hearts forever!

Employee Spotlight

Jaci is one of the smiling faces that greets you at the front desk in the mornings. She has been working here for seventeen years and knows most of you very well. Even to the point of recognizing certain voices on the phone!

She and her husband are proud owners of two cats,

Ted and Ben, who of course, are not spoiled at all!

Photography is a talent of Jaci's. She takes most of our photographs



Jaci and George

and you will see many of them shown throughout our clinic.

She is a vital member of our team and is a favorite among our clients. Though she's been here for many years, we hope to keep her around for many more!

Pet First Aid

For some reason, it seems that it is always the weekend or after business hours when our pets get hurt. Therefore, we have many clients that ask us what they can do at home until they can get their pet here or to the emergency clinic. Here are some of the questions that we get:

How do I handle an injured pet?

1. Handle them as little and as gently as possible.
2. When animals are injured, they may bite. To protect yourself you may need to place a muzzle. If you do not have a muzzle you can try using a leash or some gauze string.
3. Blankets and leather gloves can also help protect you when picking up an injured animal.
4. Using some kind of backboard is best when transporting a severely

injured pet. Ironing boards work well for this. If one is not handy, a large blanket could be used as a last resort.

5. It's best to keep them on their side when transporting and try to keep their head in a normal position.
6. Avoid placing pressure on their abdomen.

What can I do if my pet gets bit/stung by an insect?

1. Apply a cold compress to the area if it is not on an extremity.
2. If the stinger is still present, remove it with tweezers.
3. Your pet needs to be seen by a veterinarian if there is any swelling, difficulty breathing, vomiting, or if they collapse.

My pet has a wound, what can I do until I can get him seen?

1. Clean the wound out (use tap water or sterile saline and antibacterial soap).
2. Place a non-adherent pad (Telfa pad) with a triple antibiotic ointment or Neosporin on top of the wound.
3. Wrap area, if possible, with roll gauze and then a vet wrap/elastic on top of that. Make sure that you don't wrap it too tightly. Always start at the bottom and work your way up if you are wrapping a leg or tail.
4. If the bandage is on a leg, make sure you watch the toes for any swelling. If the toes become swollen it could be an indication



- that the bandage is on too tight.
5. Keep the bandage clean and dry.

I was trimming my dogs nails and it started bleeding, how do I get it to stop?

1. You can use flour or cornstarch on the nail to stop the bleeding. You will need to pack it into the bleeding nail.

2. Quick-stop can also be used if you have it. This can be purchased at any pet store.

3. If it continues to bleed then you can try applying a bandage.

4. Your pet should be seen by a veterinarian if the bleeding continues.

My pet was severely injured and won't stop bleeding. How do I control the bleeding?

1. Apply direct pressure with your hand and a towel while you transport them to a veterinarian. You can also place a temporary tight bandage around the area if able. Do not rub or scratch the area because it will break away the blood clot.

2. If bleeding from a limb, you can elevate the area above the heart (this works better in larger dogs).

What can I do for a burn?

1. For a thermal or electrical burn you can apply a cold compress to the area for 30 minutes. If they burned their mouth, a wash cloth works well.
2. For chemical burns you need to flush the area with a lot of cool water for at least 15 minutes.

My pet was attacked by a dog and has a couple bite wounds. What should I do until I can get him in?

1. Flush the wound out with tap water and an antibacterial soap.
2. If it is actively bleeding and is in a spot that can be bandaged, you can do so.

What over the counter medication should not be given to my pet?

1. Always consult a veterinarian before giving any medication.
2. Never give: Acetaminophin (Tylenol), Ibuprofen, or any human prescription drugs.
3. Do not give Aspirin, over the counter Kaopectate, or Pepto Bismol to cats.

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