Health Tips for Your Pet

Tip of the Month

January- Resolution Time! Resolve to Take Great Care of Your Pet!

ROUTINE MAINTENANCE - If you got off track with routine maintenance such as worming, vaccines, or flea treatments, now is a good time to get back on schedule.

EXERCISE - Make exercising your pet a part of your routine. It will be good for both of you.

MICROCHIP - If you haven't already, microchip your pet. It's the best chance they have of finding their way back home. Be sure to keep your information current. The microchip is only as good as the information on file.

IS YOUR PET OVERWEIGHT? - Make an appointment with your vet to ensure there isn't any underlying physical condition causing the weight gain. Then the vet can assist with a dietary plan.

DO YOU HAVE PET INSURANCE? - Check into pet insurance, for those unplanned accidents or illnesses.

QUALITY FOOD - Feed your pet quality pet food, using the proper portions. Do not feed your pet human food. There are many human foods that are poisonous or extremely unhealthy for your pet.

BE PROACTIVE - Being proactive, and scheduling routine health exams may prevent more serious health issues down the line.

LOVE - Take time every day to show your pet love.

Have a great 2013!

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Vaccination Information

Here is some information on common vaccinations you will or may need to have administered to your dog and/or cat.

Please contact your veterinarian for more details and/or questions.

Rabies Vaccination

- Per City Animal Ordinances a current rabies vaccination is required for all dogs, cats, ferrets, and horses over the age of 6 months.
- Generally, after the initial vaccination, a 'booster shot' is required 1 year later.
- After the 'booster shot', the vaccination may be administered annually, every 2 years, or every 3 years. Determined by the type of vaccine your veterinarian uses.
- Please discuss the details of the rabies vaccination and the appropriate schedule for your animal with your veterinarian.
- If you don't already have a veterinarian, please see the list of **local veterinarians** at the bottom of Pet Owner Resources.

DAPPv (4 Way) Vaccination (Canine Only)

- For the vaccination of healthy dogs to aid in the prevention of canine *distemper*, canine *adenovirus* type 2, para*influenza* and *parvo*virus infections.
- This vaccine is given to all dogs entering GFAS without proof of vaccinations.

Bordetella (Canine Only)

- For vaccination of healthy, susceptible dogs and puppies to aid in the prevention of *Kennel Cough* caused by canine parainfluenza and Bordetella bronchiseptica.
- This vaccine is given to all dogs entering GFAS.

HCP (3 Way) Vaccination (Feline Only)

- For vaccination of healthy cats and kittens older than 9 weeks old to aid in the prevention of disease due to feline *rhinotracheitis*, *calici*, and *panleukopenia* viruses.
- This vaccine is given to all cats entering GFAS without proof of vaccinations.

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