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Vaccines - Q&A's



Here at the clinic, we have often been asked about the benefits of vaccines. In this issue of our newsletter we hope to answer some of your more common questions and concerns.

Are vaccinations really necessary?

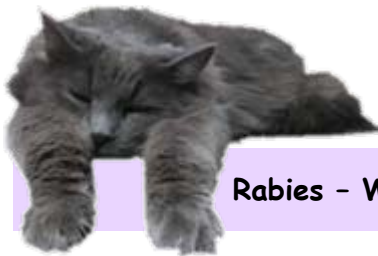
Yes. Vaccinations help protect your pet from a number of potentially serious and even fatal diseases such as Rabies. Not only that, the cost of a vaccination is considerably less than the treatment needed should your pet contract the disease that pets are normally vaccinated against. Every pet should be vaccinated – even indoor cats and dogs can be exposed to diseases.

How do vaccinations work?

Vaccines contain viruses or bacteria that have been modified so that they will not cause diseases. When an animal is vaccinated, it stimulates parts of the animal's immune system to create anti-bodies that will immediately recognize and attack the disease. If a dog or cat is later exposed to that disease, the immune system will react quickly to destroy the disease-causing agent.

Why does my pet need regular booster vaccinations for the same disease?

The protection provided by a vaccine gradually declines over the course of a year. Your pet needs yearly "booster" vaccinations to ensure on-going immunity from disease. Failure to maintain their annual vaccination booster will leave your pet vulnerable to serious diseases, especially if they are in contact with other pets in public areas such as off-leash parks, boarding kennels, doggie day cares, groomers, etc.



Rabies - What You Need To Know

We can not stress enough the importance of vaccinating your pet against rabies. This is an inexpensive cost and one that could save your pet's life in more ways than one. Should an unvaccinated dog or cat bite a person, and that person reports the attack, Capital Health requires the pet to be quarantined for a period of 10 days. During this time, if that pet shows any abnormal symptoms, Capital Health has the authority to authorize the pet to be humanely euthanized. Please prevent putting your pet at risk, speak to your veterinarian about vaccinating against rabies.

Are vaccinations 100% effective

Although no veterinarian can guarantee that a vaccine will fully protect your pet against a given disease, vaccinations HAVE proven to be the simplest, safest and most effective means of preventing a number of diseases in pets. It is important that vaccines are given to healthy pets because if they are suffering from an illness, or receiving certain medication, their immune system may not be able to respond appropriately to the vaccine. This is why it is important for your veterinarian to ask about your pet's medical history and perform a complete physical examination prior to administering vaccines.



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CAPRICORN

22 Dec - 20 Jan

DOGS: The sign of Capricorn favours breeds that can withstand cold climates such as St. Bernards or Huskies, and the practical earthy nature of this sign makes them unafraid of hard work. In general they are quiet, calm and very dignified. They like routine - walk at 8am, food at 9am and change can sometimes make them a little irritable. They are real stay at home dogs and will enjoy sitting by your side, or on your lap for hours, and often they will chose a favourite chair for themselves. Capricorn dogs are very easy to train as they are eager to please and very devoted to their masters.

CATS: Like Capricorn dogs, cats under this sign are calm and serene. They are very cool and composed and avoid confrontations - if they don't want to do what you wish, they will just wait until you forget. They are very dignified in all their undertakings - they don't eat, they dine. They like to follow you around during the day, being by your side while you work and at night sleep on the bed with you. They seem to know the difference between the better things in life and certainly enjoy the best - no used items for this kitty. Capricorn cats are very well behaved, respectful and dependable.



PET DENTAL EVENING

Wednesday January 30
7pm - 8:30pm

Next month is national Pet Dental Month and in recognition of this we are hosting an evening seminar to highlight the importance of pet dental care. We are delighted to offer you this complimentary evening which will be hosted by one of our resident veterinarians together with a special guest speaker. If you would like to attend, please book a place by speaking with one of our reception staff, or call the clinic at 458-6051.



Thank You

We would like to say a HUGE thank you to everyone who donated to our "Pets Helping Pets" fundraiser, all proceeds are going to the Edmonton Humane Society. At the time of this newsletter going to print our clinic is proud to announce that our clients have raised **\$843.88**.

We also want to say thank you to Deborah Van Andel, a local professional photographer who took the Santa Photos with pets this Christmas, and to all of our clients whose donations raised money for our Benny's Angels Memorial Fund. And of course couldn't leave out Santa himself - thank you Santa! If you would like to have your pets portraits taken, Deborah can be contacted at (780) 651-1643.



Welcome Dr. Eva Braze



We are delighted to welcome our new veterinarian Dr. Eva Braze who starts full time here at Tudor Glen Veterinary Clinic on January 2. Eva has been practicing veterinary medicine for over 6 years with two years experience in a mixed animal practice, and the remainder in small animal practices. Eva was originally born in Latvia and came to Canada seven years ago with her family after spending the previous 3½ years in the United States. She now resides here in St. Albert with her husband, two children and their Labrador named "Lexi". Her passion in veterinary medicine is soft tissue surgery and she is really looking forward to caring for her new patients and their families.



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