

Traveling with your pet

The holiday's are upon us, and along with that comes visiting family and friends. Many families prefer to leave their pets in the capable hands of a sitter or boarding facility. While this is great for some families, others prefer to take their loved ones with them. Use these tips to ensure a happy and safe trip for all.

- Check with your veterinarian to make sure all vaccinations are up to date. It is a good idea to get a Bordetella vaccination if your pet will be around other pets.
- Carry with you a chart of medical history for your pet. If you do not have one, your veterinarian can print one out for you. This is great to have if you have to see a veterinarian while you are away.
- If you are traveling out of state, it is a good idea to check with your destination area to see if a health certificate is needed. If traveling by airline, check with them as well.
- Some pets tolerate travel better than others. Take your pet on a few trial runs before committing to a long distance. If your pet becomes anxious, or sick during travel, speak with your veterinarian. There are a couple of options to ease their travel.
- Carry fresh bottled water, extra food, and blankets in case of car trouble.
- Be sure your pet is safely secured during travel. Kennels, harnesses and other travel equipment are available at pet stores.
- Remember to include a leash when packing. It is important to keep your pet close when stopping for exercise.



Dental Radiographs



Dental radiographs are an important part of the dental prophylaxis. The only way to accurately evaluate the whole tooth is to x-ray. The crown is the only portion of the tooth visible. The root of the tooth is embedded in a socket in the jaw bone and can only be visualized with radiographs. In many cases, the crown of the tooth may appear normal, but an x-ray of the tooth may reveal a problem with the root that requires treatment. All fractured and discolored teeth should be radiographed in order to determine if the tooth can be saved or needs to be extracted. One procedure that may be necessary to save a tooth is a root canal. Tooth canal therapy is an endodontic treatment option for living, dying and dead teeth. Your veterinarian will review the x-rays and determine the best treatment plan for your pet.

Dental radiology is the most vital tool in veterinary dentistry. X-rays are essential in most cases to make an accurate diagnosis. The diagnosis is the basis for understanding the prognosis and in deciding how to treat the condition.

Possible signs of a dental problem

- Bad breath
- Rubbing face on floor
- Excessive salivation
- Pawing at face
- Not wanting to eat
- Facial swelling
- Bleeding gums
- Brownish tartar



Paw Prints

Countryside Veterinary Hospital Newsletter

CONGRATULATIONS TO LONNY BELLOMY

Dr. Shannon Johnson and Dr. Tavis White presented Lonny Bellomy with a 37" Vizio HD television as the grand prize in Countryside's 2010 referral contest. Beginning January 1, 2010 we entered the referring persons name in a drawing for the grand prize. The drawing was held at our weekly meeting on Tues. Dec. 14, 2010. At Countryside we feel the greatest compliment is when someone trusts us enough to refer their friends and family to our hospital. In order to show our appreciation we are continuing our contest for the 2011 year beginning in January and ending in December.



We appreciate your referrals, your loyalty, and your patronage to Countryside during 2010. Please don't hesitate when referring friends and family in 2011. Each referral will register you in our next BIG WINNER contest so you could possibly get a surprise in December 2011.

Congratulations to our basket winners

Alabama basket: Donna Marieni
Auburn basket: Lori Norwood
Frontline up to 22lbs: Kevin Cox
Frontline up to 44lbs: Cathy Morrison

Frontline up to 88lbs: Elizabeth Nichol
Frontline up to 132 lbs: Kip Sullivan
Frontline Feline basket: Elizabeth Martin

Congratulations to Jane Lenning

In our last newsletter, we included a survey. We asked that you fill it out and return it to us in order to be entered in a contest for a \$75 dollar gift certificate to C.V.H. We drew the winning name at our weekly meeting Dec. 14, 2010. Congratulations to our winner, Jane Lenning.

Toys for Tots

Each Christmas the employees for Countryside Veterinary Hospital celebrate the season by donating gifts to the Toys for Tots. This year we extended an invitation to our clients to donate as well. Again, we were not disappointed. Thank you for all the donations, and for bringing smiles to children Christmas morning.

Holiday Hours

We will be closing Friday December 24 at Noon, and will reopen on December 27 at 7:00 am. We will be closed January 1, 2011, and will reopen on January 3 at 7:00 am.

Thank You

Thank you so much for the kindness and delicious treats we have received during the holiday season. We appreciate all you do throughout the year.

Holiday hazards for pets:

- Holiday foods such as:
 - Chocolate
 - Alcoholic beverages
 - Coffee
 - Fatty or greasy foods
 - Salt
 - Yeast dough
 - Grapes/Raisins
 - Macadamia nuts
- Holiday Plants such as:
 - Lilies
 - Poinsettias
 - Mistletoe
 - Holly
 - Christmas tree
- Misc. hazards such as:
 - Christmas tree water
 - Electric cords
 - Ribbon and tinsel
 - Ornaments
 - Batteries
 - Potpourri

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



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