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BRADSHAW VETERINARY CLINIC

Spring 2006 Newsletter

Preventative Medicine and Vaccinations

We continue to stress the importance of preventative medicine. Annual exams and vaccinations are critical to keep your pets healthy. We continue to adapt our vaccination protocols to meet the newest technology and latest research in immunology. To determine the most appropriate vaccination schedule for your pet, please schedule an appointment with one of our doctors.

For dogs, there are seven common diseases that we recommend vaccinating against:

- Distemper- a highly contagious, often fatal virus, that affects a dog's

respiratory, gastrointestinal and nervous systems. The distemper virus generally spreads as an air-borne infection, so vaccination is the only effective control.

- Hepatitis- a viral disease that affects the liver and cells lining the blood vessels, causing high fever, edema and hemorrhage. This disease is very serious in puppies and aged dogs.
- Leptospirosis- an extremely contagious disease that spreads through contact with nasal secretions, urine or saliva of infected animals. Symptoms include fever, vomiting and diarrhea. This disease can cause permanent kidney

damage.

- Parvovirus- a highly contagious viral infection spread by contact with virus infected body secretions. This disease strikes quickly, causing damage to the lining of the gastrointestinal tract and can cause sudden death in some cases.

- Parainfluenza- a highly contagious disease that spreads via

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Monthly Vaccination Clinics Return!

Our monthly vaccination clinics are back starting April 1st! The clinics will be offered the first Saturday of each month from 9 am to 11 am. The services available at the clinics include:

- Discounted vaccinations

- Microchipping
- Heartworm testing
- FELV/FIV testing
- Parasite prevention products
- Fecal examinations
- Deworming

- Nail trims

Unfortunately, we are unable to treat any medical conditions your pet may have during this time. If your pet needs attention from a veterinarian please give us a call to schedule an appointment.

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Dates to Remember:

- Low Cost Vaccination Clinics
First Saturday of Each Month
9am-11am

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contact or air-borne transmission. This disease attacks the respiratory system.

- Rabies- a fatal viral infection of the central nervous system that affects mammals, including humans. Though it is usually transmitted through the bite of an infected animal, it can be spread when the saliva of the rabid animal comes in contact with broken skin. Rabies vaccinations are required in most states.

Bordetella- a bacterial infection involved in infectious tracheobronchitis (kennel cough) and spread by air-borne bacteria. A dog may catch this disease through contact with other dogs at places like kennels, dog shows and parks.

For cats there are several diseases that vaccines offer protection against:

- Distemper- also called Panleukopenia, this is a highly contagious viral disease that can be spread through air, contact with infected animals or even contact with places infected animals have been. Symptoms can be any, or all, of the following: weight loss, severe depression, dehydration, loss of appetite, an intense desire for water, vomiting and diarrhea.
- Upper Respiratory Disease- vac-

cines prevent against the following Upper Respiratory Diseases: calicivirus, rhinotracheitis and pneumonia. A number of highly contagious viral infections displaying flu-like or "cold" symptoms. Signs include sneezing, depression, discharge from eyes and ears, fever and ulcers in the mouth.

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- Feline Leukemia- One of the leading causes of feline death. This virus causes a variety of problems including immunosuppression, chronic anemia, leukemia and solid tumors. FeLV can be spread through contact with infected blood or saliva.

Hospital News

Bradshaw Veterinary Clinic is pleased to announce the arrival of Dr. Jennifer Remensperger, our newest Small Animal Associate Veterinarian!



New Hours

We are excited to announce that our clinic will now be open for appointments from 6 am until 10 pm seven days a week, beginning in May. We have extended our hours to accommodate our client's busy schedules. With more available appointments each day, we intend to decrease the number of "walk ins" and encourage everyone to call and schedule an appointment before coming into the hospital. Patients seen without an appointment are subject to an emergency fee.



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