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The Golden "View"

Your place for the latest happenings at GoldenView Veterinary Hospital (GVH)

Message from Dr. Kris:

Taking Care Of Our Beloved Pets

The recent economic turmoil has many of us on the edge of our seats. It also has many people wondering where they can trim the family budget. Unfortunately, pet care all too often becomes one of the victims of this budget trimming. So what is a pet owner to do??

Consider veterinary pet insurance. Different insurance plans are available and they cover hundreds of different medical problems and conditions. Like any form of insurance, pet insurance will help you pay for unplanned expenses that you might otherwise have difficulty affording. There are also wellness plans that will provide reimbursements for common preventative treatments (vaccinations, heartworm testing and protection, annual exams), that your pet will need throughout his life to maintain good health. The two pet insurance providers that we recommend at GoldenView Veterinary Hospital are VPI Pet Insurance, and Pets Best Insurance. For more information, visit our website for a link to both of these insurance providers. www.goldenvet.com

Care Credit is another way to plan for emergency, and routine expenses. Care Credit is a credit plan that we offer at GVH, and once qualified, will allow you 3 to 6 months of interest free payments. GVH pays the finance charges to help

you even further. Care Credit can also be used at your family dentist and for some human medical expenses. We recommend applying now for Care Credit so that you have it at your disposal, when you need it. Find a link to Care Credit at our website, www.goldenvet.com

Finally, if you are finding it difficult to maintain the level of pet healthcare that you are used to providing for you pet, let us know. While we don't recommend avoiding preventative healthcare, we can team with you to determine what is best for your pet. Together, we can maintain the health and wellness of our best friends!

Sincerely,

Dr. Kris

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UPDATE

Prescription Food Becomes Even Healthier!

As many of you are already aware, GVH now carries Hill's Prescription Diet pet foods. GVH trusts these foods to provide the highest quality nutrition to our patients.

Beginning this fall, all Hill's Prescription Diet dry pet foods and treats will be manufactured with only natural preservatives. This change in preservative will have no impact on the efficacy, safety or quality of the foods. These preferred natural preservatives will provide the same shelf life and stability as the previous formulas.

Are you signed up for “Pet Portals”?

A Pet Portal provides internet access to your pet’s medical information, offering a convenient way to manage your pet’s health online. You can check your pet’s vaccination status, request an appointment or boarding reservation, ask for medication or food refills, or even ask a general question. Visit our website at www.GoldenViewVet.com and click the Pet Portals link for more information.

ProHeart Heartworm Preventative Is Back!

At GoldenView Veterinary Hospital, we recommend year round Heartworm prevention. Until recently, the only option that pet owners had to provide this protection was to give a monthly pill. Many pet owners may remember that briefly, there was an injectable preventative available, and we are happy to announce that ProHeart injectable heartworm prevention is back!!

Use of this product has been determined by the FDA to be safe. It has been used in Australia and Europe for years without problems. As a precaution however, the FDA has instituted guidelines for the use of ProHeart. Dr. Ahlgrim has undergone the training and certification needed to be able to dispense ProHeart. If you have trouble remembering to give your dog his monthly heartworm tablet, or would appreciate having one less thing to remember to do (wouldn’t we all!), ask us about using ProHeart!!



The holidays are coming up! Check out our website at www.GoldenViewVet.com to receive important tips on how to keep your pet safe during this wonderful time of year!

Annie’s Fund Happy Endings

Annie’s Fund is a special fund created in 2005 that enables GVH to treat and care for relinquished and abandoned pets. In this issue we are sharing two touching stories. Joey was a stray cat brought to GVH by a Good Samaritan. He had been in a cat fight and had wounds on his face and body that needed medical attention. Along with paying for Joey’s exam, the Good Samaritan donated \$100 to Annie’s Fund that went toward Joey’s medical care. With that money the staff was able to clean up his wounds, administer antibiotics and anti-parasite medication. Joey stayed at GVH for a few days and then was adopted by a loving family. The second story about Jax follows below. Want to help *Annie’s Fund*? Simply send us a check made out to GVH, or drop-off a donation at your next visit. Advertising in *The Golden “View”* also helps *Annie’s Fund*.

Jax the Cat Needs a Home

A very sweet kitty named Jax came to GVH through a loving family that could not afford a surgery necessary to help him urinate properly. They made the selfless choice to relinquish Jax to GVH. Through Annie’s Fund, Jax received his surgery and medications, and is currently staying at GVH to recover from his surgery. He is on the mend and doing fantastic! Without Annie’s Fund it wouldn’t have been possible. Now Jax needs a forever home. If you think you could provide this for him, call us at 303-279-9182 to schedule a visit with this gentle boy.



CHIP YOUR CAT™

Have you wanted to microchip your cat but just haven't gotten around to it? Now is the time and we're going to make it worth your while by offering a complimentary wellness exam and microchip at NO CHARGE to you!

The Denver Area Veterinary Medical Society has partnered with the Dumb Friends League, Bayer resQ, and HomeAgain for the CHIP YOUR CAT initiative. We at GoldenView Veterinary Hospital have enrolled so we may offer this service. If you have a cat at home, bring him or her in and take advantage of this special opportunity!

The goal of CHIP YOUR CAT is to help improve the lives of cats in the six-county Denver metro area by providing free micro chipping and enrollment, along with complimentary wellness exams. The efforts will focus on encouraging proper identification for all owned cats, educating about the importance of veterinary care, and improving the overall image and reputation of the household cat.

CHIP YOUR CAT launches this month and will run for 12 months or until 150,000 cats have been chipped, whichever comes first. The generous financial assistance of Bayer resQ and HomeAgain, will make this initiative possible. In addition to their financial support, they are also providing the microchips to practitioners and grants to cover DAVMS staff time and public relations activities surrounding this initiative.

This program is available to both new and current clients. Spread the word to any cat owners you know and help us get our feline friends protected. Call 303-279-9182 or email GVH@GoldenViewVet.com for your appointment today!

Diana's Delectables

Basic Birdie Bread

1 small box Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix
1 clean egg with shell included
1/4 cup of soy milk
1/4 cup grated organic sweet potato or butternut squash (and/or other various ingredients—preferably organic— like shredded coconut, corn kernels, chopped raw nuts, grated carrot, crushed pellets, chopped bell pepper, yellow and/or zucchini squash, peas, or a combo up to 1/4 cup.

Measure soy milk into blender. Add egg and blend until egg is well mixed with milk. Pour in bowl and add grated potato and dry mix.

Stir until thoroughly mixed and thick batter is formed.

Bake in 8 X 8 glass pan at 350 degrees for 15-20 minutes.

Test with toothpick.

Cut into 1 inch squares.

Freeze all except the one you are using and keep it in the refrigerator.

This is an easy and fast recipe to make. Use your imagination to make your bird's favorite version!

NOTE: If you want to make an even easier version of Birdie Bread, GVH sells **Harrison's Organic Bird Bread Mix** ; just add 2 eggs, water and vegetable oil and bake—done!

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Monthly Specials Call now to schedule an appointment

At GoldenView Veterinary Hospital, we continually strive to provide our clients with not only excellent medical care, but also a commitment to quality pricing. Our monthly specials are another way you can take advantage of this. Look for great upcoming specials each month.

OCTOBER

Avian and Exotic Pet
Wellness & Tortoise/Turtle
Hibernation Month

Take 10% off wellness testing for your avian and exotic pets.

In preparation for the hibernation season, take 20% off the exam, fecal and bloodwork needed to prepare your turtle or tortoise for their winter sleep.

NOVEMBER

Junior Wellness Month

Save \$10 off our junior wellness package - a thorough exam with blood and fecal testing - to check for hidden signs of disease in your dog or cat under 7 years of age. Get peace of mind knowing your pet is healthy or that disease has been identified early when treatment is most effective.

DECEMBER

Home for the Holidays at Camp GoldenView

Holidays are great with the GVH Staff. We will give your avian or exotic pet lots of TLC and send your pet home with a camp diary detailing his/her stay with us.

BOOK YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW—WE FILL UP FAST DURING THIS BUSY TIME OF YEAR!
