



The Golden "View"

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

Message from Dr. Kris:

What can GVH do for You?

As time marches on and the world around us changes, the GoldenView Veterinary Hospital team is constantly brainstorming how we can do a better job of meeting the needs of our clients and patients. I am pleased to reveal the most recent changes below:

On August 1, 2009, help GVH welcome Monica Overman, DVM, MS to our staff! Dr. Overman will be available to help ensure that GVH is able to meet all of your needs in a timely manner. Some of you may remember meeting Dr. Overman a few years ago when she was a temporary part of our team. I am thrilled to welcome her back now as a full time member!

Additionally, we have noticed a need for extended business hours. Therefore, beginning September 1,

GVH will be open for business until 8:00pm on Wednesday evenings, and until 3:00pm on Saturday afternoons. Our goal is to be available for you when it is most convenient, for you!

If you have any helpful suggestions for GVH regarding how we can help you better, PLEASE let us know. Feel free to call, e-mail or give me your suggestions in person.

Have a fun-filled summer and remember to come see us on August 23 for the 3rd Annual Annie's Fund Parking Lot Sale. Enjoy a hot dog or nachos and meet Dr. Overman, while we raise money for Annie's Fund. For more details, call 303-279-9182 or visit our website at: www.goldenviewvet.com.

Sincerely,
Dr. Kris

Protect your Dog Against Heat this Summer

By Jennifer Fulton, CSR

Heat can affect dogs quickly so make sure you protect them! Dogs can suffer from heatstroke in as little as 10 to 15 minutes outside in the sun. In an enclosed car, it takes even less time. On an 80 degree day the inside of a

closed car can heat up to almost 110 degrees in 10 minutes! **Never** leave your dog locked in the car on a hot, or even warm day. If your dog spends most of his time outside, make sure there is

access to adequate **shade and water**.

Dogs can also get sunburned just like us, especially on their stomachs, noses and ears where the hair is thinner. We

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DID YOU KNOW...

- ☺ Rin Tin Tin was the first American dog movie star and signed his own contract for 22 movies with a paw print?
- ☺ 25% of cat owners blow-dry their cats after a bath?
- ☺ A bird's feathers weigh more than it's skeleton does?
- ☺ That you can chip your cat for FREE? See pg. 3 for details.

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GVH hosts the Mile High Ferret Club

By Katy Hardman, Vet Nurse

Once a month you can hear the pitter-patter of lots of tiny paws at GVH. The Mile High Ferret Club hosts a monthly meeting where your ferrets can come to enjoy the company of other ferrets just like them. Several playpens are set up around the hospital including outside if the day is nice. At the last meeting there was a pool and a sandbox! So whether you would like to socialize your ferret, just hang out and watch the fun, or even check out potential adoptees, GVH is the place to be! The club



usually holds their meeting every third Sunday of the month, dates are subject to change. For more information, contact GVH, Matthew at Ferret Dreams Rescue and Adoption—303-733-0086 or go to www.milehightferretclub.org.

Schedule It!

Plan ahead to get your preferred appointment time! GVH is getting busier, but we still want to accommodate YOUR schedule! Please call as far in advance as you are able so we may place your visit on the day and time you want, especially if it's Saturday!

We are also **extending hours** on Wednesdays and Saturdays starting Sept. 1st to provide more "after-work" appointment slots. Give us a call at 303-279-9182 or email us from your Pet Portal or our website, www.goldenvet.com, to make your appointment today!

Safe Air Travel Tips for Your Pet

By Diana Martin, Boarding Coordinator

To the joy of many pet lovers, a new airline launched in July that caters specifically to our furry friends. Pet Airways will take your dog or cat to major cities like New York, Chicago, Los Angeles and Washington worry free. No longer will your pet have to ride in the cargo hold of the plane. The seats in the cabins of Pet Airways planes have been replaced with kennels, where your pets fly safely to their destinations under close supervision.

Other airlines are pet friendly as well. JetBlue, AirTran and Spirit actually require

that your pet travel with you in the cabin. However this doesn't work so well with people who have larger dogs that won't fit in a small enough carrier that will slide under the seat in front of you (required by the airlines). As far as cargo traveling goes, most airlines will accept your pet—in a properly sized crate—as cargo with a minimum \$100 charge. Keep in mind that most carriers allow pets on board as cargo only if outside temperatures are above 45 degrees or below 85 degrees, as

"According to U.S. government statistics, a half-million pets fly each year.

temperatures in the cargo hold can be extreme.

The following are

some tips to help you and your furry friend have a happy and safe trip:

- Have your pet examined by a veterinarian to make sure he's healthy enough to fly. The majority of airlines require vaccination records and health certificates.
- Microchip your pet. If your pet were to get lost along the way, a microchip will exponentially increase chances that she will be found and returned. Also make sure tags are up to date.
- Certain breeds of dogs and cats—such as Pugs and Persians— (Continued on page 3)

3rd Annual Annie's Fund Parking Lot Sale August 23rd, 2009

It's that time of the year again! You are cordially invited to join us on August 23rd from 10AM to 2PM for the 3rd Annual Annie's Fund Parking Lot Sale.

If you would like to donate any gently used items, please bring them by GVH by August 21st. Except for clothing and furniture, we will accept most items in good condition, such as toys, books, household goods, etc. Proceeds will go to help pets or wildlife brought in by good Samaritans or animals that have no one to pay for their medical care. Our most recent Annie's Fund recipient is Alfie, a Quaker Parakeet. Alfie was relinquished to GVH after being



bitten by a Goffins Cockatoo. His injuries were severe, however after

several weeks of recovery Alfie is doing great. He has even found a new home, all thanks to Annie's Fund.

We will be selling hotdogs, nachos and drinks at the sale as well! If you'd like to help out on the day of the sale, please call us at **303-279-9182** to let us know. We're looking forward to having you there, either as a volunteer or as a browsing patron on a quest for the perfect treasure!

FREE Microchip!
FREE Exam!
HURRY!
Ends Sept. 30th!!!

GoldenView Veterinary Hospital (GVH) provides a **FREE** wellness exam.

Bayer provides a **FREE** ResQ microchip for your cat. GVH registers your cat at Pet-Link.net for **FREE**.

Time and supply are limited!
Call 303-279-9182 or email gvh@goldenvet.com to schedule **NOW!**



CHIP YOUR CAT.

Summer Heat (Continued from page 1)

recommend you use dog-specific sunscreen on those areas if you are going to be outside with your furry friend for an extended period of time for walks or hikes, or even if your dog simply likes to sunbathe out in the yard. Make sure the label states it is non-toxic so that if your dog licks it, he won't get sick.

Safe Air Travel Tips for Your Pet (Continued from page 2)

- are susceptible to breathing complications at altitude due to their snub noses. Check with your vet to make sure they can fly.
- If possible, fly on a non-holiday week day. It will be less stressful for both you and your pet.
- Don't feed your pet at least 2 hours before takeoff. Freeze a bowl of water to fit in the crate to minimize spillage. And make sure he gets a good amount of exercise before going to the airport to allow for potty breaks and to tire him out.
- Make sure your pet's crate is clearly labeled. Include pet's name, age, address, phone number, vet information, flight number and destination. If traveling in cargo, include "LIVE ANIMAL" and "THIS END UP" stickers as well.

The Wonderful GoldenView Team!

You of course know Dr. Kris Ahlgrim and she has 'introduced' our new associate, Dr. Overman. Here's the rest of us: Our friendly CSRs, Client Service Representatives, who greet you on the phone and in person are Jan, Jenny, Dana, and Sarie. Each "nurse" is actually a CVT-Certified Veterinary Technician, tested by the state to meet exacting standards. They are Stefanie, Nicole, Katy, Geoff and Sarah. Our Boarding Coordinator, Diana, is here 8 AM to 12 PM weekdays for Camp GoldenView. Ashlyn has joined us as our Housekeeper and Manager Deb tries to keep all the gears meshing smoothly.

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Monthly Promotions

At GoldenView Veterinary Hospital, we continually strive to provide our clients with only the best—excellent medical care and a commitment to quality pricing. Look for more upcoming monthly promotions at www.GoldenViewVet.com.

AUGUST

Nutritional Awareness Month!

FREE appointment with a
GVH nurse for weight
assessment and counseling!

Book your nutritional
awareness appointment at
GVH today!

SEPTEMBER

Microchip Month!

A microchip can save your
furred or feathered friend's
life—it is a peace of mind
investment!

Save \$13!
(\$45 instead of \$58)

Chip Your Cat for Free
expires September 30!

OCTOBER

Hibernation Month!

20% off wellness exam, fecal
test and blood panel for
turtles & tortoises that
hibernate.

National Pet Wellness Month!

Pets can live longer and
stronger—see how! Visit
www.npwm.com for more
information about 2xFL!
