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Welcome To GoldenView

By— Jan Yenter

GoldenView Veterinary Hospital is very pleased to introduce our three newest team members who have recently joined us.

Lauren has come to us with a background in management and is computer savvy. She has taken the role of Lead Client Service Representative, and has been wonderful to work with. Her qualities in leadership have fine-tuned our roles as client service represen-

tatives, and her computer knowledge has significantly made our jobs easier. Thank you Lauren, and a big welcome to you!

Samantha (Sam) joined our team with rave reviews from other veterinary technicians, as a top-notch veterinary nurse assistant. Her love of all pets is apparent, and she has stepped up to become our Boarding Coordinator. She is a gem in our midst and we look forward to working with her for a long time! Welcome Sam!

I, personally, am very happy to announce Carrie's return to us. Many of you may remember Carrie as one of our Client Service Representatives during 2006. Carrie returns to assume the role of our fourth CSR and we are delighted to have her back. Her sweet "southern ways" are always endearing to our clients, and to those who work with her! Welcome back Carrie!

Client Education Seminars

By— Katy Hardman

On April 19, 2010, GoldenView Veterinary Hospital hosted its first client education seminar on pet first aid. Dr. Monica Overman demonstrated how to help your pet in an emergency situation. She covered subjects such as how to stop bleeding and what to do if your dog is hit by a car. Eleven clients at-

tended from 7:00-8:30 pm; refreshments were provided. The seminar went very well and we are planning to host more seminars on various topics. If there is something in particular that you would like to learn or hear us talk about, please let us know. Future dates will be announced soon, so be

sure that we have your email address to provide you with up to date reminders and current events. Special thanks to Duke, one of Jenette's (CSR) dogs, and Jackson (our clinic cat) for being awesome volunteers for the demonstration.



Pet Insurance

By— Lauren Thimyan



Everyone that has a pet knows at some point a trip to the veterinarian is inevitable, whether it's for routine check ups and vaccinations or a major surgery. These trips to the vet can get costly, especially if a major surgery is needed.

Pet insurance is offered to help keep your visits to the vet manageable. Unlike health insurance for people, pet insurance is more like a reimbursement program. You visit the vet and pay as you normally would, then

fax or mail an insurance claim form to your pet insurance company (even for routine visits). The insurance company will then determine how much for each service you should be reimbursed. Once they've determined that, they will send you a check. It's that simple.

The younger your pet is when you purchase pet insurance the better. The majority of companies and their policies do not cover pre-existing conditions, so it is best to have your pet in-

sured before the need for it arises. Few owners know pet insurance is available and fewer still know, through some companies, pet insurance is available for exotics (birds, reptiles, and small mammals). Only 2% of pet owners have pet insurance, but knowing how simple and how beneficial it can be, why wouldn't you get pet insurance.

Dog Licensing

By— Jenette Skees

GoldenView Veterinary Hospital is now a Licensing Center for Jefferson County! Since 2007 dog licensing has been a requirement for Jeff Co. This includes the cities of Arvada, Golden, Lakewood, Wheat Ridge and Westminster. Proof of current Rabies vaccination is required to license your dog. The fee for a dog license is \$15 for a neutered/spayed pet and \$30 for

an unaltered dog.

Dog licensing is beneficial for many reasons. It helps encourage responsible dog ownership, making sure that owners keep pets up to date on vaccinations. It encourages people to have their dogs spayed or neutered which helps lower the number of unwanted pets. The tag number can also be used

to contact owners if the dog becomes lost. Best of all, proceeds from licensing goes to help out Table Mountain Animal Shelter, a safe haven for lost and homeless animals.

If you are interested in getting your dog licensed, please feel free to call us at 303-270-9182 or stop by for more information.



Animal Cruelty

By— Silvana Nunes

There have been multiple reports of animal cruelty and abuse in the news recently. If you suspect animal abuse, **REPORT IT!**

A priority is being sure the animal in question is being abused and the owner is violating local laws. Check the animal at different times of the day. If you see lack of sufficient water, food, and proper shelter of the animal, it might just be ignorance on the owner's part.

If you see out right abuse like beating, kicking, choking or any other violent action against the animal try to document the abuse (video tape or take a picture) and contact your local police station or animal shelter.

Animal lovers often ask "Why do people abuse animal?" Simple question, complicated answer. There are 3 different types of animal abuse:

Unintentional: Most people who abuse

animals don't do it on purpose. They hurt animals because they don't think about or realize what they are doing is cruel. For example, some may keep their dog on a short chain without realizing the dog needs better shelter. These people can be helped by educating them.

Intentional: The next biggest group of animal abusers do it on purpose, but only for a short period of time. For example, a group ... Cont. pg 4

NEW! Online Store

By— Lauren Thimyan

GoldenView Veterinary Hospital now has an online store! If we have your email address in our system, you will be able to access your pet portal. If we don't have your email yet, just call us to update your account. From your pet portal, you can see what vaccinations your pet is due for, request an appointment, and shop the online store. We have

medications, food, treats and other pet supplies available. Order in the comfort of your home and have everything shipped straight to you. No more questionable online pharmacies or extra errands to run. For more information, please visit our website or Pet Portals at <https://www.vetsecure.com/goldenvetvet.com/login/>

Join us on Facebook!

You can now find Goldenview on Facebook. Become a fan of Goldenview to see Jackson's facts of the day, post pictures of your pets, see upcoming events and promotions, and post your comments.

GoldenView Veterinary Hospital is now accepting donations of gently used items for our annual Parking Lot sale, which will be held in August.



Spring Toxicities in Your Yard

By: Dr. Monica Overman

It's spring again and we are all out planting our gardens, fertilizing, pulling up the weeds; but what happens when your dog or cat decide to dig up and eat some of your hard work?

Here is a short list of some more common toxins in your yard:

Hyacinths, daffodils and tulips contain alkaloids, which can cause profuse drooling, vomiting, and diarrhea. With large amounts of bulb ingestion, more severe symptoms, such as an increase in heart rate and changes in respiration, may be seen. Hyacinth and tulip toxins are concentrated in the bulbs only; in daffodils, the toxin is in every part of the plant (leaves, flower).

Crocus – there are 2 types; spring flowering and fall flowering (Meadow Saffron). Spring flowering crocus are more common and if ingested will produce mild GI upset signs (vomiting, diarrhea). Meadow Saffron on the other hand, is highly toxic. It contains colchicine, a toxin that can cause symptoms from mild GI upset, to liver and

kidney damage and respiratory failure. The symptoms may be delayed several days after ingestion. The whole plant is toxic.

Lilies – Peace, Peruvian and Calla lilies contain toxins that can cause minor signs such as drooling, vomiting and diarrhea. True lilies (tiger, day, Asiatic, Easter and Japanese) are highly toxic to cats. Even small amounts of pollen, petals or leaves can result in kidney failure and death. If your cat does ingest any kind of lily, seek immediate veterinary care.

Lily of the valley contains a toxin that can cause vomiting, diarrhea, a drop in heart rate, severe cardiac arrhythmias, and possibly seizures.

Fertilizers - Blood meal is a dried, ground, and flash-frozen blood that contains 12 percent nitrogen. If eaten, it can cause vomiting, diarrhea, and, most importantly, severe inflammation of the pancreas. **Bone meal** is made up of defatted, dried, and flash-frozen animal bones that are ground to a powder. If

consumed in large amounts, bone meal can form a large, cement-like, bowling ball-size mass in a dog's stomach, causing an obstruction that may require surgery. **Rose and plant fertilizers** contain organophosphates. As little as one teaspoon of 1 percent organophosphate solution can kill a 55-pound dog. This type of chemicals can cause severe symptoms, such as salivation, lacrimation, urination, defecation, seizures, difficulty breathing, and hyperthermia. Ingestion can even be fatal to some pets. **Iron** is commonly added to fertilizers and can cause iron toxicity when ingested by pets. Large ingestions can result in vomiting, bloody diarrhea, and potential cardiac and liver effects.

If your pet consumes any of the above, the best thing to do is to contact GoldenView Veterinary Hospital or an emergency veterinary hospital close to you. The sooner treatment is started, the better chances are for full recovery. You can also contact ASPCA Animal Poison Control center at 888-426-4435.

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Monthly Promotions

June:

Parasite Prevention Month—

Save \$5.00 on a fecal test

July:

Dental Month—

15% off dental cleaning and assessment fees, plus \$25 discount on a set of full mouth x-rays.

August:

Nutritional Awareness—

Free weight checks and nutritional counseling.

Animal Cruelty, Continued

By— Silvana Nunes

of kids may decide to throw rocks at a nest of baby birds. They also can be helped through education.

Cruel Intent: The last group of people is the worst. These are the people who intentionally hurt animals because they enjoy hurting others or it makes them feel powerful. All of the people in this last group suffer from serious psychological problems, they often need help from licensed professionals. Without help, these problems can haunt them for the rest of their lives.

10 Facts About Animal Cruelty.

1. In many circuses, wild & exotic animals are trained through the use of intimidation and physical abuse.
 2. Elephants who perform in circuses are often kept in chains for as long as 23 hours a day from the time they are babies.
 3. More than 15 million warm-blooded animals are used in research every year.
 4. Scientists estimate that 100 species go extinct every day.
 5. Dog fighting and cock-fighting are illegal in all 50 states.
 6. It is estimated that on average it takes 1,000 dogs to maintain a mid-sized racetrack operation. There are currently over 30 tracks operating in the US.
 7. Tens of thousands of wild & domestic horses from the US have been slaughtered to be used for horsemeat in Europe and Asia. Since the last horse slaughter plants in the US closed in 2007, thousands of horses have been shipped to Canada and Mexico for slaughter.
 8. Many studies have found a link between cruelty to animals and other forms of interpersonal violence.
 9. Neglect and abandonment are the most common forms of companion animal abuse in the U.S.
 10. A fur coat is pretty cool—for an animal to wear. Eighteen red foxes are killed to make one fox-fur coat, 55 minks to make a mink coat.
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