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A MESSAGE FROM DR. KRIS:

Welcome To 2010!

Happy New Year! 2009 has come and gone, but it left behind some new health concerns for our pet companions. Canine Influenza and the Swine flu have been making headlines across the country.

Canine Influenza (H3N8) causes a contagious respiratory disease in dogs. It evolved originally from an Equine virus and began causing illness in dogs in 2004. It is spread efficiently

DID YOU KNOW...

- There are 9,703 different species of birds in the world.
- ♦ A cat's ear is controlled by more than 20 muscles!
- ♦ The **Basenji**, an African wolf dog, is the only dog that cannot bark.
- ♦ The brain of a reptile is not more than 1 percent of his body mass. This means that the brain of a 70-pound python is no larger than a lima bean!

among dogs by direct contact with respiratory secretions from infected dogs, by contact with contaminated objects and by people moving between infected and uninfected dogs. Symptoms of Canine Influenza include cough, runny nose and fever. A small percent of dogs may develop more severe illness including pneumonia. Because of the newness of the disease, the majority of dogs are susceptible to infection, but there is no evidence that this virus can infect humans.

A new vaccine is available to help protect against Canine Influenza. Interestingly, Colorado is considered a “high risk” state because the Canine Influenza virus exists endemically within our dog population. Therefore, I do recommend the vaccine for dogs who regularly visit Doggie Day Care, Boarding Kennels, Dog Parks or who

have an active doggie “social life.” If you would like more information about Canine Influenza, please feel free to call us at 303-279-9182 or visit our website at www.goldenvet.com

As Swine Flu (H1N1) continues to affect people across the country, you may have heard of pets becoming infected. It is true! The type of pets that have been confirmed to be infected with the Swine Flu virus from their owners, include ferrets, cats, dogs and turkeys. There is no evidence that pets have or will spread the virus to humans or other animals. All of the sick pets have fallen ill after a person in the



household was ill with the

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flu. Symptoms in these pets included lethargy, loss of appetite, coughing and breathing difficulties.

This is **No** cause for **Panic!** However, be aware and follow proper hygiene and sanitation measures to limit the spread of viral infections. If your pet doesn't feel well, have her examined in a timely manner especially if a person in the household has been sick with flu-like symptoms. If you have any questions about the Swine Flu and how it may affect your pet, please feel free to call us at 303-279-9182, or email us at gvh@goldenvet.com.

Best Wishes for a Spectacular New Year!

Dr. Kris

Dental Health Care for Your Pet BY: MONICA OVERMAN, DVM

It is hard to imagine not having your teeth cleaned on a yearly basis. Now imagine how your teeth would feel, look and how bad your breath would be if it had been over 5 years since your last dental cleaning. Well, that is what one year of no brushing is like for cats and dogs. For every year of their lives, dogs and cats mouths accumulate enough bacteria to equate to 5 years worth of bacteria and tartar in our mouths.

Brushing teeth daily can be difficult if not nearly impossible in some pets. There are several other alternatives such as CET Aquadent water additive,

enzymatic chews and T/D diet, all of which help reduce



the amount of bacteria in the mouth. It will not completely stop the development of tartar but it will certainly slow it down. The best and ultimate care for your pet's teeth is a dental cleaning and assessment. During the procedure, the teeth are cleaned with an ultrasonic cleaner, polished, and

fluoride applied. We recommend taking full mouth radiographs as well because 80% of dental anatomy is not visible to the naked eye. Without radiographs, disease processes such as a tooth root abscess, will be missed. If there is indication of tooth disease we recommend treating or extracting the problem tooth. If not treated, your pet will continue to feel discomfort, pain or experience worsening infection which can spread through the bloodstream to other organs in the body. For optimum health, we recommend once a year cleanings and assessment. In some breeds, dental

disease is very prevalent and cleanings should be performed every 6 months. If you notice bad breath or other signs of dental disease, call for a free dental health assessment appointment with one of our trained certified veterinary nurses. We conveniently carry all dental products at GoldenView Veterinary Hospital for your pet's continued dental care.

February is National Pet Dental Health Month!

Easy Pumpkin Squares

FOR BIRDS AND SMALL MAMMALS

What you'll need:

- Corn muffin mix (no sugar)
- 3-4 washed eggs, beaten, shell and all—break up bits of shell or crush with rolling pin and add to egg mixture
- 1 C. Chopped nuts (almonds walnuts or pecans)
- 1/2 C. Raisins
- 1 C. berries (cranberries, blueberries, raspberries-any that are in season)
- 1 Banana, chopped
- 1 can (17oz) 100% pumpkin
- 1/2 C grated coconut
- 1 Tbl. Wheat germ (raw or toasted)

1. Beat eggs in large bowl, add shell pieces.
2. Add remaining ingredients, and mix well. (batter will be thick)
3. Spread in a lightly oiled 12"x16" cookie sheet or 2 smaller sized shallow pans (will cook more quickly) and bake approx. 15-25 min at 375 degrees.
4. Cool about 10 min, sprinkle with EFA's for added flavor if desired, then cut into squares.
5. Place in container for easy storage and freeze. Pull out servings as needed to defrost.
6. Watch your pets enjoy! Will keep in freezer for 2 months. Remove and thaw as needed.

*Hint: you can bake in tart pans and serve as a hand held favorite by the big birds.

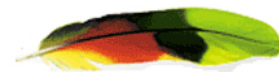
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Add any of the following to enhance the nutrients of this treat: applesauce, yogurt, germinated seeds, pellets, currants, cranberries or other naturally dried fruits, dehydrated or freeze dried vegetables, sesame or flax seeds.

Recipe courtesy of The Bird Brain. www.thebirdbrain.com



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What is that Doggie in the window?

BY: JENETTE, CSR

Have you ever wondered what breed your dog really is? Sure, he may look like a cross between a German Shepard and a Golden Retriever but without knowing your dog's parents it's really hard to tell. Sometimes familiar qualities found in certain breeds aren't strong enough to be carried on in a mix. For example, not all German Shepard mixes will have the classic black saddle markings most people associate with the breed. So as the old saying goes, "You can't always tell a book by its cover."

So what's the point in finding out your dog's genetic history? It may help you understand him better because each dog breed has its own unique qualities. Some dogs are hyper, good swimmers and very protective, while others are laid back, social couch potatoes. Knowing what breeds make up your loveable mutt will give you a better understanding of why he acts a certain way.

Another benefit of knowing about your dog's heritage is that it may help you plan for the future. Some

breeds are more prone to specific medical conditions. And this information can help you plan for potential hip or back problems or explain his poor eyesight in his later years.

Here at GVH we offer the Mars Wisdom Panel mixed breed analysis kit. With a simple blood draw, we can ship your dog's DNA off to be closely analyzed by the specialists at Mars Veterinary. They can test for over 200 different breeds, more than 130 of which are AKC recognized. This test is very accurate and in most

cases can clearly name up to three breeds present in your dog.

So would you like to answer the ultimate question? If so, we can help you out! I just had my dog done and I can't wait to get the results! It's time to find out if Baron really is a Chow Chow/Flat Coated Retriever or if there's something unbelievable in the mix!

March is Wisdom Panel Month! Have your dog tested for only \$115 (regularly \$130)!



ONLINE STORE:

Get the convenience you want from the veterinarian you trust! You can request prescription refills or order non-prescription products from your Pet Portal 24/7. When you buy from GVH's Online Store, you can be confident that all products come from reputable sources and are properly shipped and stored. All products are guaranteed and handled by FDA-approved facilities. For products not available at the online store, we are happy to Special Order them. Let us help you and your pets and log-in to your Pet Portals today!



Schedule It!

Hours have been extended to provide more "after-work" appointment slots. We are now open until 8pm on Wednesdays and 3pm on Saturdays. 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!

I'm getting my prescription refill through Proxy Rx? What is that?

BY KATY, CVT

The staff here at Goldenvet Veterinary Hospital is excited to tell you about Proxy Rx! Proxy Rx is a service provided by our normal supplier (MWI Veterinary Supply) that allows us to ship your pet's prescription right to your door! This eliminates the hassle of trying to find time in your day to stop by and

pick up your pet's refill. Proxy Rx works through veterinary offices only. You still call us for your refills like you normally would, but now your pet's medications can be conveniently sent to you! There is no extra charge for this service, unless you would like the prescription to be sent

over night. There are over 500 products available, including specialty items we do not usually keep in stock in the clinic. Prescriptions take 3-5 business days to arrive at your house after we place the order, so be sure to call ahead before you completely run out of your pet's medication. We are hoping that Proxy Rx will make life much easier for you and your pet!





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MONTHLY PROMOTIONS

JANUARY

Microchip month!

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OR

Buy one at regular price get any additional chips, at the same visit, for half price!

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PLUS

\$25 off full mouth Dental radiographs (\$105 instead of \$130)

MARCH

Wisdom Panel month!

\$15 off (Regular \$130, special \$115)

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(See "What is that doggie in the window" pg. 3)

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON OUR MONTHLY PROMOTIONS, VISIT WWW.GOLDENVIEWVET.COM!!