



Health News

Dog owners are well familiar with the summertime menace of the mosquito-transmitted heartworm disease. But did you know it can affect your cat as well? While cats are not the natural host for this disease the incidence of it is higher than once thought. Though cats are less susceptible than dogs, for me it is cheap insurance for the well-being of my kitty. There are new products available that can not only prevent heartworm disease in cats but can also protect against fleas, ear mites and intestinal parasites, and it all comes in one easy-to-apply monthly topical. Please ask any staff member for info.

A disease that is being reported more frequently in dogs is Lyme Disease, transmitted by the deer tick. Our clinic has already seen a dozen positive tests. Screening for this disease is done with one test that also tests for heartworm and other tick transmitted diseases. Ticks were once an uncommon occurrence but now the opposite is true. If your dog spends a lot of time outdoors, especially near areas where deer traverse, tick prevention is strongly encouraged.

Hours of operation:

Monday: 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
 Tuesday: 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
 Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
 Thursday: CLOSED
 Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
 Sunday: CLOSED

YEAH, IT'S SUMMER!!!!

Well, it's finally here! Not only the gazette, but my favorite time of the year, Summer. So many things to get out to do... golf, bike ride, enjoy warm summer nights. As brutal as the winters can be around here the onset of spring and summer can still awaken my sleepy soul. Of course there are other beasts and pests that awaken as well and some of them can affect your pets as well. Read on and enjoy the summer! -- Dr. K

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Ask Louise



Dear Louise

I live with a big old German Shepherd. I t has been so hot outside that when he comes inside all he does is pant, pant, pant all over me. EWWW! I mean it's not like he has breath as sweet as fresh summer catnip. Why is he breathing all over me like that?

- Signed, Full of Hot Air

Dear Hot Air,

Oh, the horror! The very thought of dog breath just sends chills down my entire pelt! Unfortunately, you must endure.

Your heavily-breathing brother is not purposely trying to torture you, he's just trying to cool himself down. Unlike our humans, dogs and cats do not have sweat glands and must rely on other means of cooling themselves. Panting is one method to do so. Also, large-breed dogs, older or overweight dogs, and those with black fur are particularly less tolerant of the heat.

Since dog breath is a most heinous condition for the divine feline to endure, beg your humans to employ other ways to help him cool down: Wet him down with the garden hose, set up a kiddie (not kitty!) pool, make sure he has access to ample fresh, cool water (even with ice cubes added) and plenty of shade. If you do not have air conditioning, then have a fan point his way. You may even enjoy the fan yourself! You'll love the way your fur blows in the wind. Very glamorous!

Featured Pet



Meet Ozzie!

Ozzie is a chocolate Toy Poodle. Weighing only 6#,

he's an Aquarius who loves long walks on the beach...oh, wait... wrong posting!

Ozzie is a new puppy to the happy owners above. Since Spring and Summer is the season for new puppies and kittens we wanted remind everyone about what's involved in the care of your new critter.

Your new animal will need timely vaccinations, spaying/neutering, and a full examination to check for any other potential health concerns.

Remember, The Village Vet participates in Lollypop's Adoption Program which provides for a free first exam if you adopt from them. Also, we'll give you a complimentary "New Puppy" package which includes a variety of goodies you'll need to get started, presented in an exclusive Village Vet Canvas Bag.

In Memoriam

Cisco A, Tiffany B, Trooper B, Gretchen B, Molly B., Bandit B, Barnaby D, Katie D, Bodie F, Shirley G, Sonny H, Bruno H, Ivy M, Toto M, Squirt N, Rambo V, Rascal V, Max W