



Hello everybody! We hope you all had a great holiday season. All of us at the clinic sure did! We had a great response to our holiday pet drive. Thank you to all who participated! We raised \$1,312 and received 135 pounds of dog and cat food. I want to give a special thanks to Irene Muffly for being our biggest donator; she donated \$1000 to go towards Animal Friends and the Canine Adoption Center. Thanks Irene!

This month we are going to talk about how to keep our pets healthy and happy during the cold winter months.



CAR HAZARDS:

- If you are housing your pet in the garage, due to the cold weather, be careful of antifreeze that could be sitting on the floor. Antifreeze can be harmful if ingested. Also beware of running your car in the garage with the door closed. Carbon Monoxide could build up and harm your pet and also you!
- In this cold weather, cats like to climb up into a warm car. It is important that before starting up the car that you bang on the hood of the car or honk the horn. This will startle the cat into coming out and not getting seriously injured when the car is started.



PAW HAZARDS:

- Dogs and cats walking in deep snow can get ice balls that form in the hair between the toe pads. This can become painful and make your pet limp. It is important to keep the hair trimmed or put booties on your pet.
- Dogs and cats that walk on sidewalks that have been de-iced are prone to dry, chapped and potentially painful paws. Your pet could also lick his paws, which could cause gastrointestinal problems. Be sure to wash your pet's feet well with a warm washcloth after your pet has been outside.



OTHER WINTER HAZARDS:

- It is important to keep your pets warm in the winter. So if your pet cannot go inside, then it is your responsibility to make sure your pet's shelter stays warm. Pets can get hypothermia and frostbite, especially young and old pets. Insulation, like hay and blankets, is important in making sure your pet stays warm. Cedar shavings are good but can irritate your pet's skin. Do not use a heat lamp or space heater; these are both burn and fire hazards. Fresh water is very important. You need to supply your pet with a heated water bowl or make sure you change the water regularly, as it will freeze.

ADOPTIONS:

I would like to thank Sharon Herrington, Christy Brambley and family and Steven Dunn for adopting our little kittens last month. Thanks guys for giving them a good home for the holidays!



This month we have a medium-haired adult cat. She is very loveable and would make a great lap cat! She has been felv/fiv tested, vaccinated, spayed and she is ready to go!



This is a very special kitty named Boots. Boots has Fiv. He can still live a good life but he cannot interact with other cats unless those cats also have Fiv. He is very special to us and we would love to find him a home. If you know anyone interested, please let us know! He has been neutered, vaccinated and is approximately 5 years old. And, is the most loveable cat ever!!

ADOPTION CENTER CRITTERS:

The Canine Adoption Center always has great cats and dogs up for adoption. You can go visit them on the River Road or call 304-291-7267 to see if they have what you are looking for!

The Canine Adoption Center is having a dog bed drive that is going on until the middle of January. Visit <http://www.petfinder.com/shelters/WV105.html> to donate a special pet bed for the shelter. They have had 31 donations to date.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

I would like to thank all the wonderful people again who donated to our first annual Help the Hounds, Feed the Felines Pet Drive. We are pleased with the outcome and couldn't have done it without you guys. Thanks!

We are offering our diarrhea panel diagnostic test for two weeks- January 24th- February 5th for a highly discounted fee of \$40. This test usually runs \$127. This test checks your pet's fecal matter for:

Canine

Clostridium perfringes
Cryptosporidium
Giardia
Salmonella
Distemper virus
Enteric Coronavirus
Parvovirus

Feline:

Clostridium perfringes
Cryptosporidium
Giardia
Salmonella+
Corona virus
Panleukopenia
Toxoplasma
Tritrichomonas foetus

This test is great at diagnosing why your pet has diarrhea, intermittent diarrhea or soft stools. If your pet has been tested for parasites recently we will just send out the diarrhea panel test if your pet has not been tested for parasites yet we have to send out a fecal first which costs \$22. If you have any questions about this panel please feel free to call us. Be sure to take advantage of this great opportunity!

NATIONAL PET HOLIDAYS:

The only pet holiday for the month of January is:

January 14th- National Dress Up Your Pet Day

We would like to see some dressed-up pets on this day! 😊

If you would like to send us a picture of your pet we would be glad to post it in the waiting room!

That is all we have for this month. If you have any good newsletter ideas, please feel free to let me know!