



Animal Hospital Of Parkland



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Our Open House was a BIG Success!

On July 10th we celebrated the opening of our new hospital and our hospitals 25th anniversary with an open house! We had a wonderful turnout and wish to thank everyone that came out to see us. We had tours of our new facility, gave away a lot of free goodies and Frontline®, shared some wonderful food, and even had a demonstration by the Federal Way Police Department canine unit. It was very interesting to learn about the canine officers and see them put thru their paces! It was a good time for everyone. We wish to thank all of our open house sponsors that contributed to it's success, the Federal Way Police Department, the hard work of our Doctors and staff to put it on, and of course all of our terrific clients who came out and shared in our celebration!



See us on Facebook for more pictures.

Canine Flu Update

You may recall that in a previous newsletter, we talked about the emerging disease of Canine Influenza. This is a strain of influenza virus that only attacks dogs. It causes symptoms similar to those seen in humans. Unfortunately, it also carries a mortality rate of about 5%. So far the number of cases in Washington State has been low, but there was recently an outbreak in a shelter on the Kitsap Peninsula. Thankfully, just like with people, there is an effective vaccine available to provide protection for your dog. While at this time we are not recommending it to all of our patients, that may change if more cases occur in our state. If you plan to travel out of state with your dogs and especially if they are going to be boarded there, it may be a good idea to get them vaccinated before you go. The vaccine is given SubQ then repeated 2 to 4 weeks later. Please give us a call if you have any questions about the canine flu vaccine.

Spaying Can Save a Life

We all know that having you female dog or cat spayed will prevent unwanted puppies or kittens, but did you know it could also save their life? I am talking about a disease condition called a pyometra. A pyometra is a bacterial infection of the uterus. It typically occurs about a month or so after their last heat cycle. The infection causes the uterus to fill up with pus. The pet soon becomes life threateningly ill as they become septic from the infection. The uterus can even rupture if it gets bad enough. Without prompt emergency surgery they will likely die. The surgery itself carries it's share of risks as well. Needless to say, this is can also be an expensive proposition. Having your pet spayed will prevent it from getting into this situation. Call today to schedule your appointment and save a life.

September is Senior Pet Month

As our pets get older, things can start to change quickly and if we can identify medical conditions early, we can often do something about them. To help our older patients with the best care possible, we offer what we call our "Golden Years Health Screens". These are comprehensive diagnostic programs that include a complete physical exam, radiographs, blood work, fecal exam, urinalysis, and an ECG or blood pressure, as well as vaccines and discounts on needed medical care. We roll it all together and offer it at great savings to you. This is a wonderful way to get a good idea of your senior pet's overall health and to identify medical problems early so that they can be dealt with. If you would like more information on our these programs please give us a call at (253) 536-1505 or check out our web site www.AHofP.com and click on Services.





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Did we see you at the Garfield Street Fair?

We had a great time at this year's Garfield Street Fair on August 20th! This was our first time participating in the fair and we gave away a lot of free goodies and advice on pet care. We were amazed at how many people brought their dogs and stopped by to say "Hi". We look forward to seeing you there next year!



← Jen and Dr. Mark.

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New Recommendations for Cats!

Safer Rabies Vaccine for cats

We all know that vaccines are important to maintaining our health as well as our pets, but they also carry some inherent risk. In the past, many vaccines included an "adjuvant" which is a chemical like aluminum or mercury that helps stimulate an immune response. This makes the vaccine work better. But adjuvants also increase the risk for adverse reactions in a few patients. More recently, pharmaceutical companies have started developing vaccines that don't require an adjuvant to be effective. We have been using an adjuvant free Feline Leukemia vaccine for some time. Now an adjuvant free Rabies vaccine is available for cats. In an effort to provide the safest and most effective care for our patients, **we have decided to switch to Merial's PureVax Rabies vaccine for cats.** It is currently licensed as a 1-year vaccine, but we feel that yearly vaccination with this vaccine is safer than vaccination every 3 years with an adjuvant vaccine. Please let us know if you have any questions.

New Choices for Flea Control

Over the last few years, several new flea and tick products have become available, and others are about to enter the market. We have reviewed what is currently available to decide what we feel is best suited for our patients needs at this time. Frontline Plus is still our first choice for dogs. It has the best combination of safety and effectiveness for flea and tick kill and also for control of flea eggs and larva. This is also true for its use on cats but we feel **Revolution is a superior product for cats because in addition to killing fleas and ticks, it is also effective on ear mites, hookworms and roundworms.** Revolution is a prescription-only medication, so your cat must have been examined by one of our veterinarians. Frontline Plus can be purchased without a prescription. Our third choice would be Frontline Top Spot, Advantage, or any of the generics coming out that contain the active ingredient for those 2 products, Fipronil or Imidacloprid. These can be found for sale at a variety of sales outlets.