

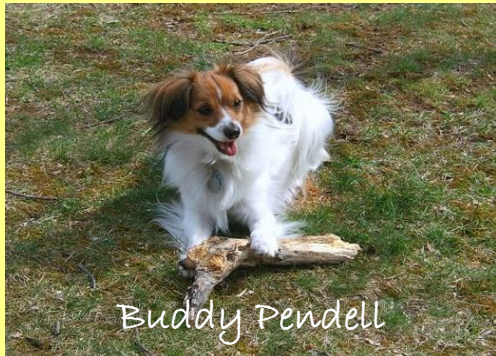


The Benefits of Microchipping.

Pets can become separated from even the most conscientious pet owner. A family pet is lost every two seconds in this country. Identification of your pet is a vital part of responsible pet ownership. Collars and tags can become separated from your pet. We feel having your pet microchipped with a Home Again microchip is the best possible protection.

Microchipping is a permanent form of pet identification. This procedure requires the injection of a small microchip under the skin between the shoulder blades with a sterile hypodermic needle. It can be done while pets are awake or while your pet is sedated for an anesthetic procedure. The microchip is not visible once implanted. Home Again provides a tag for the collar with the identification number on it. Scanners are also provided to read the number simply by scanning over the shoulder blades. The scanners are supplied free of charge to shelters and owned by most veterinarians. This number can be called into a sophisticated national database that works 24 hours a day to reunite lost pets with their owners. Once microchipped with Home Again, you will receive several other benefits if your pet becomes lost or stolen.

The cost to microchip your pet is \$45. This price includes the first year of all the Home Again benefits, including pet insurance: if your pet is hurt while lost, you will be reimbursed up to \$3000, less a \$50 deductible for insurance towards medical bills. If your pet has been microchipped with a microchip from another company, you can register this microchip with Home Again and for \$14.99 a year you can also have these same benefits. Please contact us for a complete list of the Home Again benefits.



Buddy Pendell

Allergies in your pets.

Pet allergies are a lot like human allergies. Dogs and cats can react to things in the air, in their food or on their skin. Here are some symptoms and ways to help your furry friends.

The most common signs of allergy to inhalants or fleas are frequent itching, chewing or biting, especially near the tail, stomach and inside of hind legs. Inhaled allergies can also result in sneezing, coughing or watery eyes. Consider the season: inhaled allergies are most common in the fall and spring. Other culprits could be dust, mold spores, pollen grains and household chemicals such as carpet cleaners and air fresheners.

Food allergies are also very common in dogs and cats. Typical food allergens include corn, beef, dairy products, wheat and soybeans.

Contact allergies can also be a problem for your pet. Some pets are allergic to bedding (cedar chips and wool are 2 possible allergens), grass or plastic bowls. If your pet has acne on their chin and you are using plastic bowls, try switching to a steel, glass or ceramic bowl.

If you feel your pet is suffering from any type of allergy, please bring him/her in and we would be happy to go over any options to help you and your pet be more comfortable.

Did you Know?

An estimated 1 million dogs in the US have been named the primary beneficiary in their owner's will.

There are 701 types of pure breed dogs.

Walt Disney's family dog's name was Lady. She was a poodle.

Some cats are born with extra toes, this is called polydactyl.

Cats have 30 vertebrae, 5 more than humans have.

Our goal at Avery Creek Pet Hospital is to provide the highest quality of medical care for our clients and patients by listening to their needs, and by giving exceptional client services in a professional and compassionate manner. We will nurture the bond between humans and animals by teaching our clients how to better care for their pets, thus enabling them to live longer, healthier lives.

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Beginning November 2008, Dr. Marcia Coit will no longer be working full time with us here at Avery Creek Pet Hospital. We will all miss her warmth and compassionate care for our clients and their 4 legged family members. Dr. Coit will be working as a relief veterinarian at ACPH, as well as in various veterinary hospitals in the Asheville area.

We had mentioned in our last newsletter that we would be investing in a digital dental x-ray unit.

We now have our x-ray unit and are excited to start using it. We would like to offer a complimentary complete set of digital dental x-rays (\$45.00 value) with any grade dental for a limited time

If you haven't been to our website for a while or not at all, you and your friends should check it out. You can get to know our staff under "Our Family" review our archive of newsletters and our "FAQ" section, and more. If there are questions you have that aren't answered on our website, feel free to call us or email us at staff.acph@gmail.com. Our web site will be an ever changing data-base offering you the most helpful information we can to keep your pets happy and healthy. Please let us know if you have ideas on other items or information which you would like to see us add to our website.

In Loving Memory

Tumbleweed Jones

Edward Patton

Lily Trantham

Tootie Eaton

Copper Williams

Buddy Hare

O.J. Lookabill

Foxy Ball

Christy Taylor

Princess Wilson

Henry Kimble

Pumpkin Levitt

Georgie Levitt

Tia Clark

Rufus Conwinser

Trigger Trantham

Cody Anderson

Princess Pacheco

Salvador Parkinson

Casey Johannes

Puff Puff Branks

Shadow Davis

Barkley McCracken

Harley Livesay

Baron Johannes

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Rocky Davis

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Meme Eads

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