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What "big-boned" is to big people, "Fluffy" is to big pets

In surveys about pet types (ideal, overweight, obese), about half of pet lovers with obese pets said their pets were ideal weight. Because we equate food with love, we're killing our pets with kindness. Losing only 20 percent of excess weight results in 50 percent improvement in pet health. One long-term study showed pets



at their ideal body weight living 15 percent longer, an average of 2 years. Here are some ways to help lose some of those extra pounds.

1. Walk away the weight. A good way for you and your pet to shed some pounds together.
2. Consider a diet change. Come in and talk to us about a prescription diet food with less calories and fat.
3. Maintain portion control. Buy a measuring cup, feed only the amount recommended by his/her doctor.
4. Split portions, take the total allotment for the day and split into 2-3 meals.
5. Healthy snacking. We all enjoy giving pets treats. Try healthier choices such as baby carrots, apple slices, green beans and so on.

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.

Did you know?

Cats can jump as much as seven times their height.

A cat spends nearly 30% of its life grooming itself.

A cat's ear pivots 180 degrees.

Dogs have far fewer taste buds than people.

The average life-time cost of owning a dog is \$13,350.

Dogs do not have an appendix.

Second-Hand Smoke Affects Pets, Too

For those of you that have set out to quit smoking as a new years resolution, here are some compelling reasons why you should.

Evidence suggests that secondhand cigarette smoke can cause cancer in our much loved companion animals.

Our furry friends don't just inhale smoke; the smoke particles get trapped in their fur and ingested when they groom themselves. Dogs who live in smoking households have a 60% greater risk of lung cancer and longer nosed dogs are twice as likely to develop nasal cancer. And for those of you who own cats, they are three times as likely to develop lymphoma, the most common feline cancer. Another major health concern for cats who live in smoking households is asthma.

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TO:

I'm sure some of you have a funny pet story or 2 you'd love to tell. If you would like to have it published in one of our newsletters, please send it to our office to the attention of Heather or you can email me at heather.acph@gmail.com. I will be happy to add them to our next newsletter. This could be a lot of fun.

Attention business owners:
We now accept barter dollars as a form of payment. Tradebank is an international business to business barter company. Contact Brian Smith at 828-333-4141 for more information.

In Loving memory:

Baxter Lockhart	Shadow Jones	Eboney Grinstead
Lady Penland	Leo Elliott	Black Jack Morgan
Dune Sayers	Nolan Maurer	Alice Guenther
Peanut Koupal	Spike Brooks	Rachael Rollins
George Furtney	Bubby Arthur	Pheobe McCulloch
Slinky Hanson	Lucy Lewis	Winnie Drake
Ripley McCloy	Casey Wilson	Clementine Edwards
Isis Dana	Stella Cid	Jasmine Chaillet
Jodie Lance	Rocky Bragg	Josephine Guenther

