

Chatfield Veterinary Hospital

CVH Newsletter



Hours of Business

- Monday 7:30 - 7:00
- Tuesday 7:30 - 7:00
- Wednesday 7:30 - 7:00
- Thursday 7:30 - 7:00
- Friday 7:30 - 6:00
- Saturday 8:00 - 2:00
- Sunday - CLOSED

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

If you would like to receive the next issue of our newsletter via email, please email us at CVHemail@msn.com and we'll get you on our mailing list.

Construction is about to begin! - Kim Crawford, DVM

After successfully negotiating the rezoning process and gaining all the needed Jefferson County approvals, we are very excited to start our renovation and remodel. When all is finished, we will be offering weekday doggy daycare, individualized luxury boarding for cats and dogs, full grooming services, and personal dog training. Grooming services will be available in early May. Our reception area will be made bigger and more user-friendly, the residence attached to the hospital will be renovated to house our new services, a third exam room will be added to help minimize waiting times, and more parking will be added. Our plans include a dedicated euthanasia/comfort room to avoid the difficulty some clients have in returning to an exam room where they experienced an emotional loss. Even though we are growing, we will always remember that we are dedicated to providing personalized service and will maintain our small hospital atmosphere. Construction is scheduled to start in May, and hopefully, will be complete before the summer is over. We will be open and provide full services during the remodeling, but please excuse any inconveniences that may arise during construction.

Prevent Heartworm Disease, get "Tri-Heart" today!

An ounce of prevention is worth its weight in the money spent on six months of "Tri-Heart." Tri-Heart is a monthly tablet given during warm-weather months for heartworm disease. The disease is transmitted by mosquitoes. A mosquito must first bite an infected dog and ingest the microfilaria, then they can transfer the disease from dog to dog. The worms can be as long as 14 inches and one dog can have up to 300 worms in its heart. We do have heartworm disease in Colorado, but it is not as common as the endemic areas (tropics or states with many lakes). This past year, Hurricane Katrina evacuees brought many heartworm-positive dogs to Colorado. Hopefully, these dogs are receiving treatment. The increased incidence of heartworm may cause a rise in the cases of the disease in Colorado. Puppies can be started on prevention at 6 weeks of age. Any dog over 7 months of age should be tested, and dogs traveling to endemic areas should be tested yearly. Colorado resident dogs who have been on preventatives can be tested every other year. The blood test is used to test for antigens to see if your dog has been exposed to the disease. Remember, prevention is the key!

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CVH Staff Additions

Welcome, Christine Daigler, DVM

Chatfield Veterinary Hospital would like to announce the newest veterinarian to join our practice, Dr. Christine Daigler. Dr. Daigler grew up in Littleton. She knew as a little girl that she wanted to become a veterinarian. She had many pets as a child, from snakes, rodents and birds, to dogs and cats. After graduating from Littleton High School she went up to Colorado State University for undergraduate and veterinary school. In undergraduate school she majored in Biology and minored in Anatomy-Neurobiology.

After Dr. Daigler graduated from Colorado State Veterinary School in 1998, she practiced in central Denver. Her professional interests are cardiology and internal medicine. In her spare time she enjoys biking, hiking, gardening, and spending time with family. She has a husband Mike, two human children named Logan and Lauren, and two furry kids named Phoebe and Kona. Dr. Daigler is looking forward to meeting you and your pet soon.

Intro Letter - Kurt Hunt, Vet Tech

Chatfield Veterinary Hospital would like to welcome back a returning veterinary technician, Kurt Hunt. Kurt has worked at CVH intermittently since 2003 and returned permanently in February 2006 as a full time technician. Kurt graduated from Bel-Rhea Institute in September 2004 and became board certified in January 2005. Kurt's academic achievements include a Bachelor of Science degree in Zoology from the University of Oklahoma in 1998. Kurt's hobbies include: reptile collecting and breeding, bowling, camping, hiking and playing trivia. Other than reptiles, Kurt also provides homes for many animals including: cats, fish, and a wild rabbit. Kurt's love of animals makes perfect sense for his career choice in the veterinary field in addition to making him a valuable addition to our team!

Our Newest Team Member - Carla Pales, Receptionist

Please welcome our newest staff member, Carla Pales (pronounced pay-lus). Carla is a very welcome addition to our team and she feels very privileged to work here at CVH. She has been married for almost 31 years and has 3 grown children and 2 grandchildren with on more on the way (plus 1 chubby cat). Carla is a certified pharmacy technician and has a degree in Humanities and Comparative Literature with minors in French and microbiology, and has been teaching French in the elementary schools here in Jefferson County for over 17 years.

Paw Lick'N Chick'N

3 cups white flour 1 cup chicken broth 1 egg
3/4 cup yellow cornmeal 4 tablespoons softened margarine 1 tablespoon milk

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine flour, cornmeal, chicken broth and margarine. Knead dough for 3 minutes. Apply a light layer of flour to rolling surface and pin. Roll dough to 1/4" thickness and stamp out with a cookie cutter. Beat egg and milk together and apply to top of biscuits with brush. Bake at 325 degrees for 35 minutes on an ungreased cookie sheet. Makes two dozen.

Vintage Dog Rescue

If you think you have noticed a lot of Miniature Schnauzers and Cocker Spaniels around the clinic lately, that's because one of our clients runs Vintage Dog Rescue, a dog rescue group affiliated with All Breed Rescue Network (www.allbreedrescuenetwork.com). You may have read about some of these rescue dogs on flyers posted on our bulletin board.

About half of the dogs come from shelters and the other half are relinquished by owners who can no longer keep them due to a change in family circumstances. All of the dogs are spayed or neutered, up to date on their shots, heartworm tested if necessary, micro-chipped and check out by Dr. Crawford or Dr. Daigler.

If you are thinking of getting a new dog, or a companion for your existing dog, and are interested in learning about Miniature Schnauzers and Cocker Spaniel, contact Susan Lummanick at sblummanick@aol.com or 720-320-2413. If you are interested in some other breed of dog, you can contact the ABRN website shown above to get contact information for the breed of your choice.

May is Chip Your Pet Month

- One in three pets will get lost during their lifetime.
- Without some form of ID, 90% won't return home.
- Only 6% of all pets are micro-chipped.

HomeAgain Saves Pets Lives

- Every 6 minutes a pet is recovered with HomeAgain.
- More than 3 million pets are enrolled in HomeAgain Recovery Service.

Be sure to protect your pet with the HomeAgain Pet Recovery System. Join millions of other pet owners by calling Chatfield Veterinary Hospital to schedule an appointment to have your pet micro-chipped and enrolled in the Pet Recovery registry.