

Elk Neck Vet Clinic

News & Reminders

What's New?

Elk Neck Veterinary Clinic was voted the #1 Vet Clinic in Cecil County! We would like to extend our appreciation to all of our clients for making us #1. We wouldn't be here without you! As a special thank you we are offering more specials than ever! See our 'Special Offers' section below for more information.

We are excited to be expanding our retail section in the coming months. We have already added more Purina and Hills Science Diet food and treats. We also now offer Greenie Dental Chews and hypo-allergenic Pill Pockets. We will soon be offering more toys and pet supplies than ever before. Come check it out!

Keep in Mind

In this area, any time of year is prime flea, tick and mosquito season, and these little pests can mean danger to your pet's health. Knowing about these dangers can mean knowing the difference between life and death of your beloved, four legged friends. Keep in mind, unless the temperature is consistently below 32 degrees, fleas, ticks and mosquitoes are still present in our environment.

Anemia, tapeworm, and skin infections are just some of the problems that can develop when fleas are present. In small puppies and kittens, a large flea infestation can cause death.

Ticks are one of the biggest problems in our area. Lyme disease and Ehrlichia are spread by these small, nearly invisible creatures. Transmitting and spreading these diseases can be accomplished by a single tick bite. The tick does not have to attach, which means an owner may never realize a pet's been infected until a positive test result. Usually, the first sign of these diseases is a limp, or lethargy. However some dogs can be completely asymptomatic, while others stop eating, playing, or just generally "don't feel good". If left untreated, these diseases can be lethal.

A single mosquito bite can cause one of the deadliest diseases known to a pet – heartworm disease. When a pet is infected with heartworm disease, worms fill the chambers of the heart, until the pet's heart can no longer function.

Luckily, there are products to help. Call or come in for information on the many products we have available. Lyme disease vaccinations have also become part of the core vaccinations for all dogs.

Although these products help to greatly reduce the occurrence rate of these diseases, nothing is 100%. The only way to guarantee you have a happy and healthy pet is to make sure you bring them to us yearly, and at the first sign of problems!

Seasonal Reminders

Just like any other season, winter brings many concerns for our beloved, four-legged friends. The temperature drop affects pets the same way it affects humans. Proper shelter needs to be provided for pets that remain outdoors for any length of time, allowing for them to get away from the cold, rain, sleet and snow.

Ideally, pets would be kept in the house, away from the blistering cold. However, if pets are kept outside during the day, fresh, unfrozen water needs to be provided daily, and refreshed throughout the day so it remains unfrozen.

When roads freeze over with snow and ice, salt is spread on it to thaw the road and make it drivable. This salt can burn a pet's paws and can be poisonous if swallowed. Keep pets as far away from this salt as possible, and contact us at the first sign of any illness. If salting your own driveway or property, use a "pet-friendly" salt available at most local hardware stores to prevent any pet mishaps in the event your pet should come in contact with the salt.

Special Offers

As always Elk Neck Vet Clinic is offering a variety of specials. For a limited time receive \$6 off a 6 month supply of Heartgard or \$12 off a year's supply.

Board your pets from November 24th-29th and receive Thanksgiving board free! Board from December 23rd-27th and receive Christmas free! Board from December 31st-January 3rd and receive 15% off your board!

Come in from November 22nd-27th for our dot sale! Every toy will be marked with a special "Dot Price".

Check our website <http://www.elkneckvetclinic.com> or call (410)287-6670 for up to date specials!

Homeless Pets

Elk Neck Vet Clinic provides a temporary home to a number of pets who would love to find a loving home. If you or someone you know would like to get another pet (or their first pet!), please consider one of our strays for a new member of your family. Please see our website for our list of adoptable pets! <http://www.ElkNeckVetClinic.com>.