



Elk Neck Vet Clinic



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NEWS & REMINDERS

What's New?

As usual this summer has been a busy one for Elk Neck Vet Clinic. Dr. Sprong has worked here through the summer with great success and we look forward to having her stay on with us through the fall as well.

As more people are hearing about our boarding facilities we have seen an increase in our boarding guests. See below for information on our boarding facilities, and make sure you make your reservations as soon as possible to ensure we have an opening for your pet.

Expect to see new faces around the clinic! We are training new receptionists and kennel workers to keep up with our expanding practice. Now that school is out you will also see more of our high schoolers around the clinic.

Dr. Lackey's daughters Rachel and Rebecca are also working here this summer. They have spent plenty of time at the clinic since they were babies, and now they are helping at the front desk and on the phones. They are our most experienced staff members!

Keep in Mind: We now offer boarding!

Feeling guilty about going on vacation and leaving the pets behind? Why not send them on their own vacation at Chesapeake Country Pet Lodge? Any dog or cat would be happy to vacation at our camp!

We provide spacious suites for all our dog guests. The suites include heated floors for those chilly days, and individual drains to ensure dogs stay clean and dry. Our cat guests are treated to large multi-level condos. Our single condos can be opened up to accommodate several cats from the same family. Food, water, litter and bedding are kept in separate areas of the condos to keep cats clean and happy. Condos have clear plastic backing facing a large window so our cat guests can keep an eye on any outside happenings.

You are welcome to bring your own bedding for your pet or we can provide our freshly laundered blankets and beds daily. We feed Purina EN dry food for sensitive stomachs or you are welcome to bring your own food. We provide all food and water bowls for our guests. Pets are fed one to three times daily depending on your preference. We can administer any medication necessary for your pet as well.

All dogs are walked a minimum of three times per day around our 1½ acre property. Every dog enjoys the opportunity to explore our property, including the many trees and buildings and a large pond complete with a family of ducks. Some dogs may even enjoy peeking over the fence at the goats and chickens next door! And don't worry; our cat guests get their share of love and attention as well!

Most importantly the care of every pet in our facility is overseen by Dr. Lackey. Nothing is more reassuring than knowing that should any problem arise with your pet he or she will be promptly attended to by Dr. Lackey and her staff, and you will be notified immediately.

We often have specials on our boarding prices. Check them out at <http://www.ElkNeckVetClinic.com>.

Seasonal Reminders

Well the stifling heat is almost gone, and we are fast approaching the cool days of autumn. This is an especially busy time of year for families, as the kids are heading back to school. Keep in mind our summer reminders in the last

newsletter. You can also find them on our website: <http://www.ElkNeckVetClinic.com>. As the days get cooler keep in mind the following;

The use of rodent poisons increases in the fall as rodents seek shelter from the cooler temperatures by attempting to move indoors. Rodent poisons are highly toxic to pets-if ingested, the results could be fatal. If you must use these products, do so with extreme caution and put them in places inaccessible to your pets.

It's back-to-school time, and those of you with young children know that means stocking up on fun items like glue sticks, pencils and magic markers. If ingested by your pets, these items can cause gastrointestinal upset and blockages. Be sure your children keep their school supplies out of paw's reach. If you think your pet may have raided the pencil box, contact a veterinarian immediately.

Fall and spring are mushroom seasons. While 99% of mushrooms have little or no toxicity, the 1% that are highly toxic can cause life-threatening problems in pets. Unfortunately, most of the highly toxic mushrooms are difficult to distinguish from the nontoxic ones, so the best way to keep pets from ingesting poisonous mushrooms is to keep them away from areas where any mushrooms are growing. Contact your veterinarian immediately if you witness your pet eating a wild mushroom.

Autumn is the season when snakes who are preparing for hibernation may be particularly "grumpy," increasing the possibility of severe bites to those unlucky pups who find themselves in the wrong place at the wrong time. Pet owners should know where these snakes are most likely to be found so they can keep pets out of those areas.

Many people choose fall as the time to change their car's engine coolant. Ethylene glycol-based coolants are highly toxic, so spills should be cleaned up immediately. Consider switching to propylene glycol-based coolants-though they aren't completely nontoxic, they are much less toxic than other engine coolants.

Special Offers

Keep your pets healthy and save money! We are offering specials on most of our monthly preventatives. Buy a 3 month supply of Frontline and get a month free. Buy a 4 month supply of K9 Advantix and get a month free or buy a 6 month supply and get 2 months free. Buy a 6 month supply of Advantage Multi and get 2 months free. Buy a 6 month supply of Heartgard or Tri-Heart and receive \$5 off. Buy a year supply of Interceptor and receive \$6 off!

Want to take one last vacation before our nice weather is truly gone? Board your pet from September 3rd until September 7th and receive both 50% off one day of your stay AND 10% off a bath! As always our baths include a nail trim and ear cleaning.

Check our website often for up-to-date boarding and grooming specials. <http://www.ElkNeckVetClinic.com>.

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.