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Vaccines - Q&A's



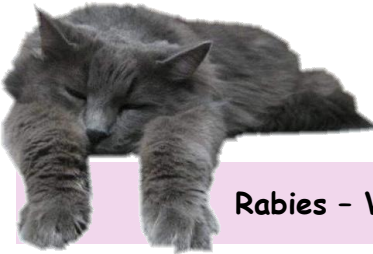
At Tudor Glen Vet Hospital, we are often asked about the benefits of vaccines. In this issue of our newsletter we hope to answer some of the more common questions and concerns we hear from our clients.

Are vaccinations really necessary?

Yes. Vaccinations help protect your pet from a number of potentially serious and even fatal diseases such as rabies. Not only that, the cost of a vaccination is considerably less than the treatment needed should your pet contract the disease that pets are normally vaccinated against. Every pet should be vaccinated; even indoor cats and dogs can be exposed to diseases.

How do vaccinations work?

Vaccines contain viruses or bacteria that have been modified so that they will not cause diseases. When an animal is vaccinated, it stimulates parts of the animal's immune system to create antibodies that will immediately recognize and attack the disease. If a dog or cat is later exposed to that disease, the immune system will react quickly to destroy the disease-causing agent.



Rabies - What You Need To Know

We cannot stress enough the importance of vaccinating your pet against rabies. This is an inexpensive cost and one that could save your pet's life in more ways than one. Should an unvaccinated dog or cat bite a person, and that person reports the attack, Capital Health requires the pet to be quarantined for a period of 10 days. During this time, if the pet shows any abnormal symptoms, Capital Health has the authority to enforce the pet be humanely euthanized. Please prevent putting your pet at risk, speak to your veterinarian about vaccinating against rabies.

Why does my pet need regular booster vaccinations for the same disease?

The protection provided by a vaccine gradually declines over the course of a year. Your pet needs yearly "booster" vaccinations to ensure on-going immunity from disease. Failure to maintain their annual vaccination booster will leave your pet vulnerable to serious diseases, especially if they are in contact with other pets in public areas such as off-leash parks, boarding kennels, doggie day cares, groomers, etc.

Are vaccinations 100% effective

Although no veterinarian can guarantee that a vaccine will fully protect your pet against a given disease, vaccinations HAVE proven to be the simplest, safest and most effective means of preventing a number of diseases in pets. It is important that vaccines be given to healthy pets. If a pet is suffering from an illness, or receiving certain medication, its immune system may not be able to respond appropriately to the vaccine. This is why it is important for your veterinarian to ask about your pet's medical history and perform a complete physical examination prior to administering vaccines.



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Happy New Year



One of the great things about a new year is the psychological impetus it gives us to begin a new habit or two. Creating new habits doesn't have to be limited to humans. Our pets can benefit from our new habits as well.

Often we aren't successful with our new year's resolutions and goals because we undertake too much too quickly.

Relative to our pets, it's too easy to say "I'll walk Rover a mile each day." We may fail because, if we aren't in the habit, one mile is too much. "I will take Rover to the end of the block every day," is a more attainable goal. Knowing your goal is easily attainable may get you and Rover out the door more often. A goal that isn't an overwhelming change is one more likely to be implemented permanently.

Start small and work up. Baby steps aren't just for babies. We all need them to implement good changes in our lives. This is a good time of year to consider some healthy resolutions for your pet too.

We encourage you to choose one habit you and your pet can work on together. You and your furry friend will benefit.



PET DENTAL EVENING

Coming in late February
Date to be determined by mid-January

Next month is national Pet Dental Month. In recognition of this we are hosting an evening seminar to highlight the importance of pet dental care.

If you would like to attend, please book a place by speaking with one of our reception staff or calling the clinic at 780.458.6051. Date to be announced by mid-January. Please join us!



Thank You



We would like to say a HUGE thank you to everyone who donated to our Santa Photo Day fundraiser. We are proud that Tudor Glen Veterinary Hospital, with our clients' help, raised \$840 for the Edmonton Humane Society.

Thank you to all our wonderful staff who donated so much time to make Santa Photo Day a success. Many many thanks to Jill Shantz of J. Shantz Photography who donated her time and professional skills for Santa Photo Day. Jill did an amazing job and our clients were very pleased. Jill is an amazing photographer and can be contacted at www.jshantzphoto.com and 780.460.8690.

And of course, thanks to Santa for taking time out of his busy season to be with us for the day.

Plan to come see us in December for your pet's picture with Santa. Help us raise money for the Edmonton Humane Society again in 2012.



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