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Summer is here!

Summer

Fleas: Although San Diego has a year round flea problem summer is especially bad with fleas. If you find that the current flea protection you are using isn't cutting it you may need to change the brand or reapply more frequently.

Microchips: Many people will be traveling with their pets over the summer and sometimes pets can become separated from their owners. Micro chipping your pet will give them a better chance of being reunited with you.

Vaccinations: with the warm



weather more pets will be taken out for walks and on hikes. Pets that are not current on

their vaccinations will be more susceptible to disease such as parvo that can stay in the environment for two years.

Worms: with the increase in weather temperature and increase in activity, pets are more susceptible to getting internal

parasites. This would include roundworms, hookworms and tapeworms, some of which can be transmitted to children. Periodic deworming and parasite checks reduces this risk.

Heartworms: In the past few years San Diego has seen an increase in heartworm incidences. Having your pet tested for heartworms and then maintained on heartworm protection will protect your pet no matter where they travel.

New Products

ANTIOX: This is a new herbal supplement that is an antioxidant enzyme that stimulates the immune system. It's used to reduce inflammation especially in cases of arthritis and skin allergies.

IVERHART: This is a once a month

preventative used to prevent heartworm, roundworms, and tapeworms in dogs.

ADVANTAGE MULTI DOG: Once a month topical preventative used to prevent heartworms, kills adult fleas, prevents hookworms, roundworms and whipworms.

ADVANTAGE MULTI CATS: Once

a month topical preventative used to prevent heartworm disease, kills adult fleas, treats and controls ear mites, and treats and controls, hookworms and roundworms.

C.E.T. AQUADENT: This is a product that can be added to your pets' drinking water to aid in plaque prevention and freshen breath.

Staff News

■ Please welcome our new reception assistant **Elizabeth**, a recent graduate from PIMA and a local San Diegan. ■ **Brenda** has a new puppy, a corgi named Ruby.

■ **Pam** has a new puppy, a pit mix named Sita. ■ **Amber** has graduated from Mesa College and will be taking her RVT exam sometime early this fall.

■ SSDVH technicians recently attended a 2 day intensive dental seminar. The seminar included everything from preventative care to dental extraction techniques to dental radiology. ■ We are pleased to inform you that we will begin incorporating dental radiographs into our practice.

Back of Your Mind

February was dental awareness month and I'm sure by now most people have put their pets' dental health to the back of their mind. I'd like to remind you that preventing dental disease is in your hands. The best way to prevent plaque and gingivitis is to brush your pets' teeth. Some of us however are not able to brush our pets teeth so here are a few options to aid in your pets' dental health. C.E.T. chews (available through your veterinarian), Science Diet t/d (available through your veterinarian), Greenies, Dental Kongs, and now C.E.T. AquaDent (available through your veterinarian). In case you forgot what gingivitis can lead to, here are a few examples; dead teeth, abscesses, liver disease and heart disease, to name a few.

If you have questions on any of the above information please contact us at 619-423-7121.