

Paws for News

Adair County Animal Hospital

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My Senior year at Western Kentucky University I purchased the cutest Miniature Schnauzer. I named him Hank. He went to Veterinary School with me that Fall and became my closest companion. He made a great study partner, always in my lap.

When Hank was 5 1/2 years old (I was a practicing Veterinarian) I decided to run baseline blood work on Hank. When the results came back I was devastated. Hank was in Chronic Renal Failure. Acute Renal Failure would have been treatable, reversible, but Chronic Renal Failure meant I had to act fast if I wanted to extend Hanks life. Because I caught this disease before he was clinical I did exactly that. He lived another 1 and 1/2 years.

It is essential for our pet's health to have annual blood work run. Pets age 7-10 years for every human year they live. They cannot tell us how they feel or what they have eaten like humans can. You just never know when the next food recall will be or what can be found in your backyard that can harm them. There are many good reasons to have baseline blood work run. This is only one. It is an Investment in your pets life.

Shannon L. Blair, D.V.M.



Hank

Investing in your pets future.

We are very proud to announce that we have incorporated the same technologies that are used in the human medical field for running laboratory tests (chemistries, complete blood counts, electrolytes, thyroid testing) at the animal hospital. No such machine existed in veterinary medicine outside of referral laboratories until this past year. At the Adair County Animal Hospital we offer results that you can take home with you within 20-30 minutes. This allows us to confirm, diagnose and treat correctly within minutes.

We would like to take this opportunity to invite your friends and family to have their pets health screened. During the month of February we are offering a special bundle price for baseline lab work. See the next page for details.

Our NEW Puppy / Kitten Program

Puppy Vaccines

1st Visit includes (\$50.00)

Complete Physical Exam
Puppy shot (5 way)
Intestinal Parasite check
Deworming for roundworms and hookworms
Nail Trim
Bag of food (if want to try Royal Canin)
Heartworm preventative for one month
Flea +/- Tick preventative for one month

2nd Visit includes (\$50.00)

Complete Physical Exam
Puppy shot (5 way)
Kennel Cough vaccine.
Intestinal Parasite check
Deworming for roundworms and hookworms
Nail Trim

3rd Visit includes (\$50.00)

Complete Physical Exam
Puppy shot (5 way)
Kennel Cough vaccine.
Deworming for roundworms and hookworms
Nail Trim

4th Visit includes (\$50.00)

Complete Physical Exam
Puppy shot (5 way) (final)
Rabies Vaccine
Deworming for roundworms and hookworms
Nail Trim

During this time we will discuss signing your pet up for once monthly mailings of heartworm prevention +/- flea and tick prevention for your pet.

A comparable Kitten Program is begin instituted as well.

Decreased Wellness/Vaccination visits to the Vets Office leads to higher health care costs for owners.

Recent surveys in Veterinary Medicine have shown that Feline Veterinary Visits have dropped off tremendously. Overall visits have dropped as well. Statistics show that this trend has led to overall increase in health care costs for pet owners, because of more expensive illness visits. We have seen this trend reflected in our patients as well. That is why we are instituting some programs to try and help owners get baseline wellness exams, vaccinations and blood work done. We cannot stress enough the importance of 1—2 physical exams per year routine vaccinations and baseline blood work. It is a simple fact that we those patients whose routine wellness care is maintained don't visit us often for illness related problems. Yes, there are some illnesses that cannot be avoided, but early screening helps prolong patients lives.

February Wellness Screening

Blood Chemistry

Complete Blood Count

Electrolyte Panel

Total Thyroid Panel

\$95.00

Cats and Dogs



Now Available in Burkesville

Boarding / Surgery

By popular demand we have incorporated Boarding and Surgery into our services at our Burkesville Location. We hope this helps serve our Burkesville Clientele even better.

We do require vaccinations to be up to date for Boarding / Grooming at this location. The basic vaccinations required are Rabies, DHLP-Pv and Kennel Cough. If your pet has not had these vaccines we can do them for you.

We will also offer a full array of routine surgical procedures.

Call now for an appointment. 864.2224

Fleas!!!! It's that time again.

**Surgical Monitoring:
Don't leave your pets
life to chance.**



ECG and Heart rate, Respirations, Oxygen levels, Blood Pressure, Body Temperature. These are all vital pieces of information when your pet is on the surgery table. Low blood pressure can lead to organ damage as can low oxygen levels. We routinely find ECG abnormalities during anesthesia and correct them. You can rest well knowing that we are monitoring everything we can quantify to make certain that your pets surgery / dental is as safe as possible.





Weight loss is pets

Weight loss is a sign of illness. There are numerous things that can cause weight loss. Pets losing weight, when the owner is not actively trying to achieve this goal, should be evaluated. The patient to the left was a very active kenneled dog. She was eating well but having trouble with weight loss. She was found to be healthy other than a severe whipworm infestation. She was treated at our animal hospital but we almost lost her due to the chronic nature of her condition. We were persistent and she was saved. She is currently is the picture of health. She is on a once monthly heartworm and intestinal parasite preventative. There are not many readily available over the counter de-wormers that kill whipworms so a lot of people pick up de-wormers thinking that they are killing all worms. This is not the case.

1—2 stool tests done annually can give you the information you need to deworm your pets properly.

WHIPWORMS, Catch it before this happens.

We would like to say Good-Bye to Cheryl, who is moving out of State and will no longer be with us here at the animal hospital. We wish her well. She will be missed.

We would also like to Welcome Anita Kassem and Carrie Warrington to our staff.

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