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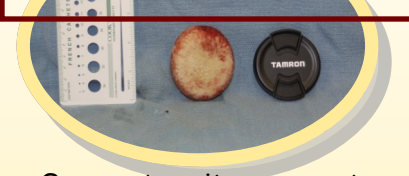
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## Recent Contest Results



## Bladder Stone: Urolith



Our mystery item was not guessed. It is a urolith (urinary bladder stone) that was removed from a

Labrador Retriever with recurring urinary tract infections. Some got close. Some even ruled it out in their guess. Good luck next time. Remember that you can keep guessing.

## Bartonellosis: Cat Scratch Fever

You may have heard of Cat Scratch Fever, but you probably are unfamiliar with the bacteria that causes it and how it comes to live under the nails of your cat. The culprit bacteria is Bartonella. There are many species of Bartonella (some that infect people, some that do not) and these different species can cause many symptoms in animals ranging from endocarditis (heart inflammation), lethargy to no symptoms at all.

It was recently thought that only immune-compromised people became clinical with Bartonella infections. This has recently been disproved. Often people with Bartonellosis are misdiagnosed as suffering from chronic Lyme disease.

Cat Scratch Fever comes from a specific strain of Bartonella and usually finds its way under your cats nails through flea excrement. The best way to avoid the possibility of acquiring this disease from your cat is to maintain once monthly flea preventatives.

Dogs can get Bartonella infections, but rarely transmit the illness to their owners. When they do, it is most likely thru tick bites. Remember to keep monthly flea and tick preventatives on your dogs as well.

# Online Pharmacy and Food Ordering @ ACAH

The convenience of delivery, with easy access to your veterinarian.  
Constantly in touch with your pets healthcare information.

At the Adair County Animal Hospital we are re-investing in your pets health with every year that passes. Our goal at each exam is to give you feedback on how healthy your pet is and to give you recommendations on how to continue to keep them healthy.

It is sometimes a struggle for pet owners to remember to give their monthly heartworm preventatives, flea/tick preventatives and dewormers. Administering these products on a regular basis dramatically cuts down on illness and enables you to keep your pets active and healthy for a long time.

We recently established our own online pharmacy to enable our clients to fill their prescriptions from home and have them delivered right to their front door. We feel that this will be particularly helpful to those who may not want to purchase 6-12 months of products at a time (Heartworm, Flea and Tick, etc.). Our new online pharmacy can be set up to send you a monthly supply. The heartworm or flea and tick product would

arrive once monthly reminding you to give it and it would be linked directly to your pets health record in our office. This is called the monthly reminder service.

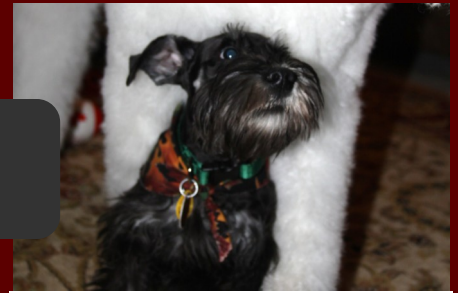
Another great result of this online pharmacy is that you can get Science Diet foods shipped directly to your house. (Royal Canin coming soon!) Check for free shipping minimums.

We hope you enjoy all of the things that we are trying to do to make your pets health care as easy as possible. We also have some news coming next month on improved Lab services. We hope you will tell all of your friends and family. Even if they don't normally use us, we would love to offer them some of the conveniences of our office.

We would appreciate your feedback. Please feel free to contact us with your questions and comments.

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## A Healthy Success!

Start the new year off right. Make certain your pets are up to date on all of their vaccinations and checked regularly for intestinal and blood parasites.

Long life and good health depend upon good preventative care. Begin when they are puppies or kittens and continue this into their senior years.

Puppies: vaccinate every 3 weeks beginning at 6 weeks. This should continue until the pet has a mature immune system. This will vary depending on species and breed. *Leptospirosis is one bacterial disease that we vaccinate for that is contagious to humans.*

Intestinal parasite checks ensure that your pet is free of worms that can harm them and could possibly be contagious to your family.

Heartworm disease is easy to prevent, but devastating if your pet becomes infected. Our monthly preventatives can even protect against fleas and intestinal parasites. Make certain you are getting the most for what you are spending by consulting with one of our doctors.

### SPAY and NEUTER

Don't forget to have your pets spayed and neutered. This is one of the best things you can have done for an animal. Help the problem of overpopulation... do something charitable and spay a feral cat ... be a part of the solution.

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## Laser Therapy: Endless possibilities

Laser Therapy is something we have offered to our clients since it became available in the veterinary field.

We have clients ask us every day if we could use it on them because of the benefits they see thru their pets' experiences.

Laser Therapy is a treatment that decreases pain and inflammation at an injury site. It promotes good blood flow and healing.

The top ten biological effects of Laser Therapy are as follows:

- 1.) Relieves PAIN; it activates acupuncture points and stimulates the release of Beta endorphins (a natural analgesic).
- 2.) Reduces inflammation; Promotes circulation, lymphatic flow (reducing swelling) and inhibits synthesis of prostaglandin (the pain hormone).
- 3.) Accelerates tissue repair and cell growth
- 4.) Improves Circulation and new blood vessel formation.
- 5.) Increases Cellular Metabolic activity
- 6.) Reduces Scaring and helps improve the elasticity of the skin / tissue.
- 7.) Improves Nerve Function
- 8.) Accelerates Wound Healing; stimulates the building blocks for tissue repair.

9.) Stimulates the Immune System

10.) Stimulates Acupuncture and Trigger points; provides needleless acupuncture stimulation.

Laser Therapy provides all of these benefits without the side effects of taking oral medications. It also is used in conjunction with medication in animals to maximize the healing process in a minimal time, with minimal doses of medication.

You can see why we recommend Laser Therapy for everything from post operative surgery sites and back injury to wound healing. The next time you pet has an injury or seems painful inquire about Laser Therapy.

## House Training Your Puppy

**Direct Method;** This method requires that you be nearby to supervise and reward good habits from the beginning. Provide frequent opportunities to go outside. Get on a schedule that you can stick to. This method is certain to save you time and effort in the long run.

Puppies require more frequent walks until they are able to control their sphincters. This usually occurs around 6 months of age. Time these trips outside after meals and give the puppy adequate time to urinate and defecate. Take these walks within 15 minutes of eating. Eating stimulates movement within the digestive tract. Activity also enhances this movement. Leash walk your puppy and incorporate play into this time. Avoid snacks between meals.

Paper Training is not the method of choice. It encourages the puppy to use the floor in your home. This can confuse the puppy if you plan on training them to go outside. They learn that elimination inside the home is acceptable. Remember that daily walks should not be overlooked, even when paper training.

## Crate training;

**Advantages:** Convenient when you cannot be near them all of the time. The puppy naturally avoids urinating and defecating in his / her space. Take them outside immediately upon removal from the crate. *"The rule in our house is once Scruffy urinates and defecates outside then he gets major playtime with the kids."* Dr. Rexroat Puppies become attached to their "house" and often seek it out for comfort and rest when not interacting with the family. It becomes their "safe place" or sanctuary. This type of training can help puppies avoid destructive behavior. Kennel Toys like the Kong with a small amount of Kong paste in them help give the puppy something to do during its confinement.

**Disadvantages;** Young puppies unable to control their sphincters will likely have accidents in spite of the confinement. Some puppies will ingest their feces. Others may become agitated in the confined space and vocalize more than desirable. Initially you should not crate the puppy for more than 4 hours without a break.



## Interesting Case

Some Good Samaritans stopped by the road and retrieved this beautiful hawk. He has a broken wing. We gave him fluids and pain medication and sent him to Raptor Rehab in Louisville.

**Red Tail Hawk**

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