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Remember ... The Hutchinson Animal Shelter is always in need of volunteers and supplies. You can pick up an application to volunteer at 1501 S. Severance, Hutchinson, KS 67501

Upcoming Fundraising Events:

Cause For Paws Garage Sale, 1st United Methodist Church, 1st & Walnut, October 13 7:30 a.m. - 2 pm.

Dog Bites - Easy Ways to Protect, Educate Children

The statistics are scary: Every 40 seconds someone seeks medical attention for a dog bite, and the majority of victims are children under the age of 15.

According to data tracked by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 25 different dog breeds were involved in biting incidents in 2006, a statistic that shows that any dog can bite if provoked.

Teaching children how to approach dogs slowly and carefully as well as how to recognize warning signs are critical components of dog bite prevention. Remember, not all dogs are friendly and not all dogs want to be touched.

“Any dog may bite, even your family pet,” said Marie Wheatley, president of American Humane, an organization that works to protect children and animals. “Adults should always supervise children when they play with any dog, and they should teach children the best ways to approach and treat animals to avoid being bitten.”

Some children, eager to play or touch an animal's soft fur, move quickly or lunge at

Hutchinson City Dog Tags

Beginning January 1, 2008 the city dog licensing ordinances will change. The new policy will be:

Between January 1st and March 31st a license for a spayed or neuter pet will cost \$15. For an unaltered pet a license will cost \$50.

If your pet is microchipped there will be a \$5 discount.

If the license is purchased after March 31st there is a \$50 late fee. If a dog is spotted by

dogs. Such abrupt actions can be misinterpreted by dogs as an attack, and dogs may try to protect themselves by snarling or biting.

Here are a few suggestions to help keep kids and pets safe:

*Never approach unknown dogs or dogs whose owners are not present

*Always ask an owner's permission before petting a dog

*Stand still, like a tree, if an unfamiliar dog approaches you

*Never run from or scream around a dog

*If you believe a dog is about to attack you, place something (backpack, bicycle) between yourself and the dog

*If a dog knocks you over, roll into a ball, cover your face, and stay still

*Do not disturb a dog that is sleeping, eating, or caring for puppies

* Never leave a small child unattended with a family pet.

-Provided by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA)



Animal Control and the owner is unable to provide proof of a city tag there will be a \$50 fine in addition to the cost of the tag and late fee. All dogs over 6 months of age residing within city limits are required to have a city tag. Tag are good until December 31st of the year purchased.

We are happy to send you a post card, e-mail or phone call to remind you that your city tag will need to be renewed soon. If you are interested please let us know!



Clinical signs generally stabilize and some affected dogs seem to “get better” with maturity/aging, perhaps because their activity and excitement levels naturally decrease.



We are proud to announce that Dr. Douglas Winter of the Animal Dentistry and Oral Surgery Center in Wichita will be performing referral dentistry and oral surgery at our hospital. Ask one of our doctors for more information on this service.



Exercise Induced Collapse in Labradors

Exercise intolerance and collapse is a syndrome described in young adult Labrador Retrievers. Signs usually begin between 7 months and 2 years of age. Clinically unaffected dams and sires commonly produce litters with more than one affected dog, suggesting a genetic or hereditary factor. Affected dogs develop weakness in the rear limbs and if exercise is continued, forelimb weakness and collapse may occur. Signs generally begin after 5-15 minutes of strenuous exercise such as quartering for upland game, retrieving birds, balls or Frisbees and excited play with other dogs. Not every exercise period will result in signs; the factors important in inducing an episode have not yet been well established. Affected dogs do not appear to be in pain and remain conscious. They usually return to normal after resting. If weakness is noted during exercise, the exercise should be stopped and the dog should be allowed to rest because some dogs have died while exercising.

Any dog with exercise intolerance should always have a complete veterinary evaluation to rule out joint diseases, heart failure, anemia, heart rhythm disturbances, respiratory problems, low blood sugar, myasthenia

gravis, myopathies or other systemic disorders.

Clinical signs generally stabilize and some affected dogs seem to “get better” with maturity/aging, perhaps because their activity and excitement levels naturally decrease. Symptomatic dogs are, however, rarely able to continue training or competition. As long as intense exercise, excitement and training stress are avoided, they can live normal lives as pets.

There are no known treatments at this time. The best preventive measures are to discourage breeding of affected animals and do not repeat dam-sire breedings that result in affected offspring. The University of Minnesota is currently working on identifying affected dogs by using blood samples. In the future, a genetic test will allow veterinarians to definitively diagnose the condition using a simple blood test. As well, breeders could test their breeding stock to identify affected dogs and carriers. The test could also be used to test litters of puppies – obviously affected dogs should not be sold into working homes and known carriers should not be bred.

CKVC Welcomes Christi Cartwright

I moved from Tennessee in July 2007 and joined the hospital as the practice manager. After graduating in 1987 from Columbia State with an Associate Degree in Veterinary Technology, I practiced in a mixed animal hospital for 18 years then moved to an emergency only hospital for a couple of years. Still looking for a challenge I moved on to be the manager of a 24-hour veterinary hospital

for 2 1/2 years before moving to Kansas. I share my home with Sizzle the Australian Shepherd, Mira the Collie, Sheenya, the Silky Terrier and a wonderful man, Tim. Some things I enjoy are canine obedience, Geo-Caching, yard work, antiques and yoga. I am amazed by the power of the human animal bond and look forward to meeting new people and their pets!

Hutchinson Kennel Club Microchip Program

The Hutchinson Kennel Club and Central Kansas Veterinary Center are please to announce a partnership that will lower the cost of having pets microchipped. The discount is available only to Reno County residents. The cost will be reduced to \$30 for the implanted chip and free registration. Mi-

crochipped pets will receive a discount on City Tag registration. PLUS the benefit of permanent identification. This opportunity is limited so act soon! For more information regarding microchipping you can visit www.avidid.com or call 663-8387 and ask for one of our technicians.

Zoonotic Disease: Controlling Sand Monsters

As weather warms and families head outdoors, remember that sandboxes, gardens and lawn areas may be home to potentially dangerous parasites. The tiny organisms are introduced to areas where pets go to the bathroom.

These parasites are zoonotic, which means they can be transmitted from pets to people and can penetrate the skin if someone walks barefoot through sand or soil that contains parasites. Protect yourself and your family from these parasites, which can cause serious health problems, such as blindness in children.

An easy way to protect family members from parasites is to clean up pet waste from outside areas, including your lawn. Before bringing a new pet home, schedule a thorough exam so that your veterinarian can recommend the right vaccines and provide a de-worming service.

The following parasites pose risks to pets and people: roundworm, hookworm, tapeworm, ringworm, whipworm, Toxoplasmosis, Giardia, and mange infections. To learn more, visit the Companion Animal Parasite Council online.

"Hookworm infections represent a reported 4,000 or more cases annually. We know that hookworms and roundworms may live for years in soil," she added, referring to statistics from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Trust the Experts

Elizabeth Maimon, DVM, MPH of Hills and Dales Veterinary Clinic warns pet owners that the best medicine comes from veterinari-

ans.

"The de-worming process can take at least three weeks or more to be effective," she said. "Clients are mistaken when they believe over-the-counter de-worming medication is efficacious. Without a proper fecal [poop] evaluation, one is hard pressed to know what specific intestinal parasites the pet has and [prescribe] the right de-worming agent. Sadly, many intestinal parasite infections go undetected, because they are not visible to the naked eye."

Central Kansas Veterinary Center suggests de-worming puppies and kittens at two weeks of age and repeating every two weeks until weaned. We also recommend annual exams including tests for internal and external parasites. Jeff Bender, DVM, MS, DACVPM, a professor of veterinary public health at the University of Minnesota says "Exams are one of the most important public health measures," Bender explained. "Early evaluation is essential."

In addition to vaccinations and check-ups, Bender stressed the importance of limiting contact between pets and wildlife, including raccoons and coyotes, to prevent the spread of disease to domestic pets.

Prevention of infection is the best way to keep family members safe, Maimon said.

"Raccoons can leave behind Baylisascaris, a dangerous member of the roundworm family that people can inhale, causing dermal [skin] infection and neurological disease."

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Tips to Prevent the Spread of Parasites between Pets and People

- Take pets to your veterinarian regularly to check for internal and external parasites
- Over-the-counter de-wormers may not work. Veterinarians should do de-worming
- Avoid interaction between pets and wildlife
- Do not leave pet food outside; it may attract wildlife
- Pick up after pets; obey "No Pet" signs for beaches and playgrounds
- Cover your child's sandbox when not in use, and avoid public playground sandboxes
- Do not let children touch pet litter boxes
- When changing litter, wear gloves and wash your hands thoroughly afterward
- Pregnant women should wear gloves and masks when gardening and avoid litter boxes
- Use disposable liners, and change litter daily
- Remove pet droppings from your yard daily
- Do not feed pets undercooked or raw meat
- Control fleas, lice, flies and other insects in your pet's environment
- When traveling, bring water for your pet, and do not let him/her drink from puddles or standing water
- Wear shoes and socks indoors and outdoors



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Nugget Huntsman

*September 22nd, 1999 – June 6th, 2007
Nugget will live on in our hearts forever.*

STOP Program

The STOP program is a spay/neuter assistance program for dogs and cats whose owners are unable to pay the full fee for these services. Services are provided by participating Reno County veterinarians. The program is sponsored by Cause for Paws, Inc. and operated by the Hutchinson Animal Shelter.

The STOP program is funded by donations, fund-raising events and co-pay from owners benefiting from the service. Co-pay is determined by what owners can afford to pay. Such funds will be placed in the STOP Fund at the Hutchinson Community Foundation. Cause for Paws issues to the Hutchinson Animal Shelter a monthly statement on funds available that month for the STOP pro-

gram. Once the funds have been exhausted for that month, applicants are placed on a waiting list.

The goals for the STOP program are:

1. To reduce the number of unwanted dogs and cats in Reno County.
2. To reduce the euthanasia rate at the Hutchinson Animal Shelter.
3. To enhance public safety and health by reducing the threat of injury and disease.

If you have questions contact Cause for Paws Representative, Sylvia Griggs at (620) 663-9012 or the Hutchinson Animal Shelter Director, Amber Mings, at (620) 694-1925.

