

Rabies Clinic Saturday, December 18th, here at LVH from 1-3pm Only \$10.00

WINTER WARNING

One of the most dangerous and common poisons our dogs and cats are exposed is **ANTIFREEZE**, so poisonous that just a few licks can lead to death in hours. Antifreeze is used in vehicles as a coolant in the radiator. Our pets will encounter this toxin more often in the winter months as we get our engines winterized. Antifreeze has a very sweet smell and appealing taste so animals will lap it up not knowing the danger. It only takes about a 1/2 teaspoon per pound for a dog and even less for a cat to cause death.

Some common signs of antifreeze poisoning initially include:

- Drunken Behavior
- Wobbly Uncoordinated movement
- Nausea/Vomiting
- Excessive Urination
- Diarrhea
- Rapid Heart Beat
- Weakness

If untreated more severe symptoms develop:

- Seizures
- Convulsions
- Shaking Tremors
- Fainting
- Coma

and worst of all death...

If for any reason at all you think your pet has ingested antifreeze, get them here ASAP (if we are not open, head to our emergency after hour veterinary service, VSH in Cary (919-233-4911).

Veterinarians will perform a thorough exam on your pet, taking into account the background of symptoms. A complete blood profile and urinalysis may be conducted. There is a special test for exposure but very few hospitals can afford to keep it on hand. The treatment of your pet may be based on the medical history presented by you, so you will need to be as detailed as possible.

Immediate veterinary assistance is the only thing that will save your pet.

Keep antifreeze containers tightly closed and stored out of reach of pets.

Take extra care not to spill your antifreeze, if you do so clean it up immediately.

The U.S Food and Drug Administration has labeled propylene glycol safe and it is now used in antifreeze. Look for antifreeze with this ingredient instead, to keep your pet safer from accidental poisoning.

We have already lost 2 patients within the past month to this tragedy.

*"Two silk worms had a race.
They ended up in a tie"*

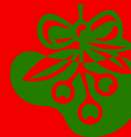
TOP 5 Holiday Hazards

1. Electrical cords-especially string lights
2. Lit candles
3. Glass ornaments/Tinsel
4. Chocolates
5. Gift ribbon



TOP 5 Poisonous Plants

1. Mistletoe (especially the berries)
2. Lilies
3. Holly
4. Kalanchoe
5. Yew



A super side dish for the holidays for your pet:

Green Bean Supreme

- 5 cups fresh green beans (2-2 1/2 lbs)
- 4 to 5 medium-size white potatoes, peeled and diced
- 2 medium carrots, scraped and cut into matchsticks

Directions:

Boil green beans in plain water, cooking until they darken in color. Remove from heat, drain, and shock beans in ice water. In a separate pot boil potatoes until fork tender (10-15 minutes). Drain. Toss the beans, potatoes, and raw carrots together, cool completely, and serve a few spoonfuls with your dogs kibble.



DID YOU KNOW???

PET STATS:

7 the number of puppies and kittens born for every one human baby

51 the percentage of cat-owning households with more than one feline family member

67,000 the number of offspring one female dog and her litter can produce in six years

Dogs and Cats are okay on Restaurant Patios, New NC Regulations Say.

The North Carolina Department and Natural Resources just made it easier for owners to take their pets along to restaurants.

New rules allow both dogs and cats in outdoor dining areas at the discretion of the individual restaurant owner. Animals must be physically restrained, not pass through any indoor areas of the restaurant, and not come into contact with food, food service items or food preparers.

Animals other than cats and dogs are still NOT allowed.

The new rule went into effect Sept. 1.

"A dog gave birth on the side of the road and was cited for littering"