# Secons Veterinary Care Monthly Newsletter



# Happy Thanksgiving!

Happy Thanksgiving, everyone! This wonderful time of year is all about gratitude and togetherness—not just with our human families but also with our beloved canine and feline friends! As we gather to celebrate, we want to take a moment to express just how thankful we are for each and every one of you as our clients. Your support means the world to us!

As you prepare for your holiday festivities, please remember that we will be **open Monday through**Wednesday as usual. However, in order to let our amazing staff spend quality time with their loved ones, we will be closed on Thursday and Friday.

So make sure you have everything you need—food, medication—and if you're running low don't hesitate to give us a call! Additionally, please make sure your pet is up to date on all vaccinations need for boarding your pet sooner rather than later!

## Highlights

## National Shelter Animal Appreciation Day!

November 3rd - 9th

#### **November Promotion - Spa Day!**

Discount bundle to get your pet ready for the relatives flooding in!

#### Hills Pet Food In-Clinic Discount!

Get up to \$10 OFF when purchasing in-clinic!

#### **Cold Weather Safety!**

Read about how to keep your pets safe during these chilling winter months!

#### **Thanksgiving Safety Tips!**

Keep your pet thankful and safe with these tips!

## Joke Of The Month

What's a dog's favorite Thanksgiving dish?

Mash-paw-tatoes and gravy!



## National Shelter Animal Appreciation Week!

Get ready to celebrate National Shelter Animal Appreciation Week, happening from Nov 3rd through Nov 9th! This fantastic week shines a light on the incredible journey of approximately 6.3 million animals that enter U.S. animal shelters every year. These furry friends are in need of love and support, and you can make a difference! Whether you choose to donate to your local animal shelter or adopt a pet yourself, every effort counts.

If you've ever adopted from an animal shelter, THANK YOU! You've given a deserving pet a second chance at a life filled with joy and companionship. We're thrilled to announce our special offer: a special first visit take home package! Includes a free bag of food, first dose of prevention, and more! This offer is valid for your pet's first visit with our vet clinic after adoption and must be redeemed within three months of bringing your new furry friend home.



Spa Day!

We know how important it is for your pets to feel pampered and loved, especially during the busy holiday season. That's why we're offering a BUNDLE DISCOUNT on our pampering pup services! Treat your dog or cat to a delightful day of relaxation with services including nail trimming, ear cleaning, anal gland expression (probably not for your cat), and a sanitary trim—all for just \$75 when done together! (That's over 25% OFF!!)

Your pet will strut their stuff with confidence after a refreshing spa day! Just remember, if your pet is too stressed while they're here, we won't perform these services. Our priority is their comfort and happiness.

## In-Clinic Hills Pet Food Discount!

Need to stock up on some prescription pet food? We have an exciting offer just for you! If you purchase your pet's food right here in our clinic instead of ordering online, you can snag a fantastic deal of up to \$10 off!

Thanks to our amazing pawtners at Hills Pet Food, we've got some great coupons waiting for you. And don't worry if we happen to be out of your pet's usual prescription food—we're more than happy to place a special order for you! Just let us know by Monday, and we'll make sure it's included in our Tuesday order. Once it arrives, we'll give you a call so you can swing by and pick it up.



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# Thanksgiving Tips

Thanksgiving meals are meant for humans, not for pets. Fatty foods like turkey or turkey skin can be difficult for animals to digest and may lead to pancreatitis, which can be fatal in severe cases. Additionally, certain 'people' foods such as grapes, raisins, onions, and garlic are toxic to pets. Yeast dough can result in gas and potentially dangerous bloating. Moreover, the artificial sweetener xylitol—commonly found in chocolate, gum, and baked goods—can be lethal for pets if ingested. In summary, refrain from sharing human food with your pets! Instead, offer them treats specifically designed for them, and they won't know the difference!

Guests, both familiar and unfamiliar, can be overwhelming for pets. It's essential to create a safe haven for your pet where they can retreat from the commotion. Additionally, kindly remind guests not to feed your pet any table scraps!

With guests arriving and leaving throughout the day, it is crucial to keep a watchful eye on your pet to prevent any daring escapes. You can keep your pet in a separate room to minimize potential stress, use baby gates at doorways to create a physical barrier that limits access to high-traffic areas, and keep your pet on a leash during the festivities to ensure they remain close and safe while still being part of the celebration.

(Bonus! Make sure that your pet has a registered microchip with updated information on it if they DO manage to escape. And if they need one, give us a call!)

# Cold Weather Safety!

All animals should be kept inside as much as possible, including indoor/outdoor cats. They don't know the forecast, and can easily be caught in a snow storm with little to no shelter. Also, when your dog goes out to use the potty, stand out there with them. If it's too cold for you to be out there, it's too cold for them.

Keep their feet, underbelly, and coat as dry as possible. Whenever your pet comes in from outside, use a towel to dry off their paws and underbelly to keep them dry but also to protect them from any salt or chemicals they can track in from the outside. Side note - never shave your pet down to their skin in the winter!

Dogs should remain on leash at all times. Snow can completely cover a scent and your pup can become lost easily. More dogs are lost in the winter than in any other season! This will also keep them safe from any frozen bodies of water nearby, as loose pets can unknowingly walk over thin ice and fall through.

Antifreeze is deadly to pets. Keep the antifreeze in a spot completely inaccessible to pets (and children!) and clean up any spills immediately when they happen!

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