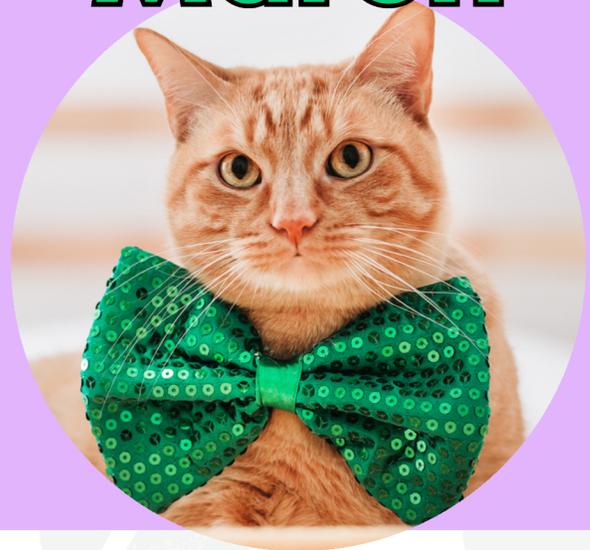


# All Seasons Veterinary Care Monthly Newsletter

## March



## Spring is Here! ...Probably

If you've lived in Iowa long enough, you know spring likes to keep us guessing. One day it's sunshine and muddy paws, the next day we're reaching for winter coats again.

**But while the weather debates itself, fleas, ticks, and mosquitoes don't wait.**

## Why Does Prevention Matter?

Even before we see blooming trees and steady warm weather, parasites are already becoming active. **Ticks can emerge once temperatures reach around 40°F**, and they're commonly found not just in wooded areas, but in backyards, neighborhood green spaces, and parks. **Fleas are incredibly resilient** and can survive indoors year-round, especially in heated homes. And **as soon as mosquitoes reappear, the risk of heartworm disease returns.**



One of our staff members found this tick on their dog less than 1 month ago!!

Flea infestations can quickly become overwhelming, leading to **itching, skin infections, and contamination of your home environment.** Ticks can transmit diseases such as Lyme disease and other tick-borne illnesses that may cause **long-term health complications.**

Heartworm disease is transmitted through the bite of a mosquito and **only takes a single bite** to infect a dog. Once infected, heartworms live in the heart and lungs, causing serious and potentially life-threatening damage over time. Treatment is available, but it is **lengthy, costly, and can be hard on your pet's body.** Prevention, on the other hand, is **simple, safe, and far less expensive.**

The goal of prevention is to **stay ahead of these risks before they become a problem.** Starting early in the season and maintaining consistent protection helps ensure there are no gaps in coverage when parasites are most active.

# Our Recommendation: Simparica Trio

At ASVC, we recommend **Simparica Trio** for many of our canine patients because it offers broad, reliable protection in one convenient monthly chew. Rather than managing multiple medications for different parasites, **Simparica Trio simplifies your dog's prevention routine while still providing comprehensive coverage.**

Simparica Trio protects against **fleas, ticks, heartworm disease, roundworms, and hookworms.** That means protection from external parasites that can cause itching and disease, as well as internal parasites that can impact your dog's overall health.

One of the reasons we trust this product is its consistent efficacy and ease of administration. The monthly chew is **highly palatable**, making it easier for owners to give and reducing the chance of missed doses. Consistency is key when it comes to parasite prevention, **skipped doses or seasonal gaps can leave pets vulnerable.**

If your dog is already on Simparica Trio, **now is a great time to check your supply and ensure you're covered through the spring and summer months.** If your pet is not currently on prevention, our team would be happy to discuss the best option based on their lifestyle, age, and overall health!



## Cats Need Protection, Too!



While dogs often get the spotlight during parasite season, **cats need protection too.** For our feline patients, we commonly recommend **Revolution**, a monthly topical medication that protects against fleas, ticks, heartworms, ear mites, and certain intestinal parasites. **Even indoor cats can be exposed to parasites brought in on clothing, shoes, or through open doors and windows.** Protecting them year-round helps prevent problems before they start.

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# National Poison Prevention Week (March 17th–23rd)

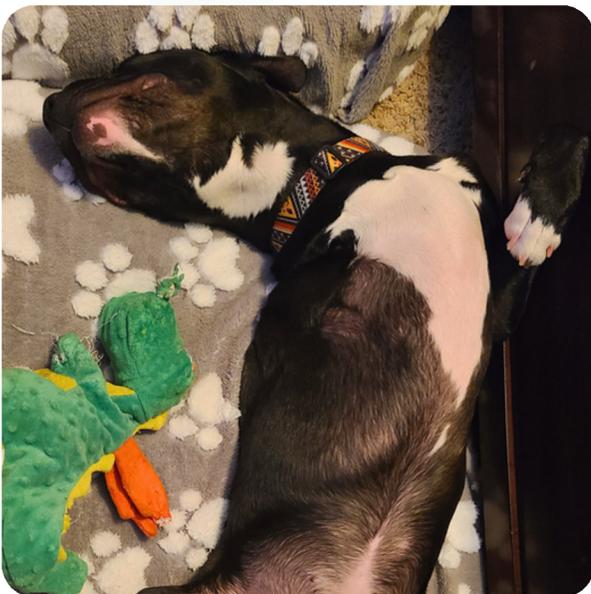
March is National Poison Prevention Week, the perfect reminder that many common household items can be dangerous for pets. With spring cleaning underway and Easter around the corner, it's a good time to be mindful of what's within reach.

## Top 5 Common Pet Toxins:

- 1. Chocolate** – Especially dark or baking chocolate. It can cause vomiting, tremors, seizures, and heart issues.
- 2. Xylitol** – A sugar-free sweetener found in gum, candy, and some peanut butters. It can cause low blood sugar and liver failure in dogs.
- 3. Cleaning Products** – Concentrated cleaners and disinfectants can cause irritation or internal injury if ingested.
- 4. Human Medications** – Even small amounts of ibuprofen, acetaminophen, and other medications can be dangerous.
- 5. Lilies (for cats)** – Certain lilies can cause kidney failure in cats, even with small exposures.

**If you suspect your pet has ingested a toxin, contact us right away! Do not wait for symptoms to appear. If it is after hours, call the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center at (888) 426-4435 for 24/7 guidance.**

# Tri Pawd Awareness Day (March 3rd)



Hi, I'm Tripp!

Six months ago, I was adopted from the Animal Rescue League of Iowa after being hit by a car. My front right leg was too badly injured to heal, so it had to be amputated. After surgery and some recovery time, I was back to feeling like myself again. That's when my mom brought me home!

Having three legs doesn't slow me down! I can still run, jump, sit, and shake like any other dog. I love people, kids, and other pets, and I have a little sister (adopted two months after me) who is my best friend. We love playing tug-of-war and sharing jerky treats, pup cups, and even ice cubes. I love being a Tri-Pod!!