

Protocol Update for Prescription Medications

New information update for our clients who purchase controlled prescription medications for their pet(s). In January 2021, all veterinary clinics are required by law to follow guidelines to address the opioid crisis in our country. When your pet requires a controlled or monitored substance, we will be required to record your date of birth, your driver's license number, and your signature when you pick up that medication. If you send someone else to pick up the product for you - they will be required to give us that information as well.

Retail pharmacies have been recording this data for years and the scope of coverage has now increased to include veterinary clinics. We apologize for any inconvenience to you as we collect all of the required data and signatures, but these changes are a necessary part of our daily operations now.

Because of these guidelines and additional reporting requirements we are having to follow - controlled substance prescriptions are going to take longer to get filled for your pet. Please allow at least 24 hours for us to complete these for you.

Cat Care Feeding Tips

Stainless steel and ceramic bowls are ideal for food and water for your cat. Plastic bowls tend to hold odors and are often difficult to clean. Most cats prefer to eat from a shallow bowl and have the bowl not slide across the floor as they're eating.

Cat's LOVE fresh water, so be sure to change the water daily and wash the bowls thoroughly a few times a week. Water consumption is very important to our feline friends. Encourage drinking by allowing constant access and possibly even having water in multiple locations. A pet drinking fountain can be a good investment as most cat's love to drink moving water.

*add a bit about canned food for hydration



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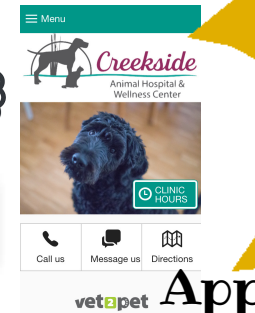
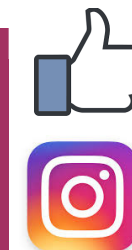
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What is the FVRCP Vaccine?

While the name may be hard to remember with all the letters, the FVRCP is a very important vaccine that your kitty needs, whether they stay indoors or have outdoor access. The vaccine protects against 3 highly contagious diseases.

FVR - Feline Viral Rhinotracheitis is caused by a herpes virus. Symptoms include lethargy, sneezing, and conjunctivitis, while severe cases may also result in corneal ulcers and pneumonia.

C - Feline Calicivirus is also an upper respiratory infection, but commonly produces ulcers in the mouth, especially on the tongue. Sometimes temporary lameness is noted as well.

P - Feline Panleukopenia is caused by the feline parvovirus. The bone marrow is attacked, and the white blood cell level is lessened, creating vulnerability to severe infections. It also affects the intestinal tract, causing severe diarrhea.

There are no cures for any of these 3 viruses. We are only able to treat the symptoms that cats develop. Thankfully, the FVRCP vaccine prevents these diseases. Kittens should receive the vaccine at 8, 12 and 16 weeks of age. Adult cats should also receive boosters throughout their lives. If you are unsure of your pet's vaccine status, please give us a call or check out their reminders in the APP!

Old Age Isn't a Disease

While pets certainly have mental and physical changes as they age, old age itself is not a disease.

Some say "you can't teach an old dog new tricks"; however, older pets can be trained quite easily. Older pets have longer attention spans which leads to faster learning. Having new things to learn and do will actually benefit their overall health. Many things can help with mental stimulation: toys, puzzle toys, slow feeders, even taking a different route while walking.

Senior pet foods are also extremely important. Older pets really do have different dietary needs than their younger counterparts. But before you just reach for the first senior diet that you see, asks us if there is anything particular you should look for to attend to your pet's specific health needs and activity level.

Age definitely plays a factor in your pet's physical abilities and appearance, but old age alone doesn't cause sudden weight loss, decreased appetite, dramatic hair loss, or changes in bathroom behavior. Any number of illnesses are likely the real culprit. If you see any of these abnormalities in your pet, contact us immediately. Early diagnosis and treatment/management is the key to a better quality of life for your aging furry family member.

Ingredients

- 1 cup natural creamy peanut butter
 - NO xylitol!
- 3/4 cup nonfat milk
- 1 large egg
- 2 cups whole wheat flour
- 1 tbsp baking powder
- 1/3 cup oats
- 2-3 strips cooked bacon, chopped

Directions

1. Heat oven to 325 F.
2. Line two baking sheets with parchment paper and set aside.
3. Mix all ingredients into a large bowl using your hands, as dough will be thick.
4. Use a rolling pin to roll dough out to 1/4-inch thick.
5. Cut out shapes with cookie cutters, transfer to baking sheets, and bake for 18-20 minutes.
6. When bottoms are lightly browned, flip treats over, then bake for another 10-12 minutes.
7. Remove from oven and let treats cool completely before serving.
8. Treats can be stored in an airtight container at room temperature or in the refrigerator for up to one week.

Homemade Peanut Butter and Bacon Dog Treats

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Effects of Dogs on their Owners

- Dog owners have lower blood pressure than non-owners.
- Dogs can soothe owners and provide stress relief.
- Dogs help relieve depression by offering unconditional love and acceptance.
- When eye-to-eye contact is made with their dog, an increase occurs in a calming/bonding chemical called oxytocin in both humans and dogs.
- Talking about their dog is a great conversation starter to connect to other people.
- A study claims that a man's chances of getting a girl's phone number went from 10% to 33% just by having a dog with him!