

Foreign Body Case

We had a young 50 pound dog, who ate something she shouldn't have. The owner saw her grab these off their counter and immediately brought her in to us so we could induce vomiting. We were successful in having her bring up one of the items. We waited a week for her to pass the other item on her own. When the owner had not seen the item come out, we took another x-ray and saw that it was still in the stomach. At this point, we did go ahead and take her to surgery to remove the remaining object.



Can you identify the 2 items?

2 diamond wedding bands



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Heat Stroke

As summer temperatures climb, so does the risk of heatstroke in dogs. Unlike humans, dogs can't sweat to cool down—they rely on panting, which isn't always enough on hot or humid days. Breeds with short noses (like bulldogs and pugs), older dogs, and pets with medical conditions are especially at risk.

Signs of heatstroke include excessive panting, drooling, red gums, weakness, vomiting, and collapse. If you notice these signs, move your dog to a cooler area immediately, offer small amounts of water, and contact us or an emergency clinic. Heatstroke is life-threatening and requires prompt treatment.

To help prevent it, avoid walks during peak heat, never leave your dog in a parked car (even briefly), and always provide access to fresh water and shade. A few precautions can go a long way in keeping your pet safe all summer long.

Pet Insurance

Investing in pet insurance is an important decision for any pet parent. By having the right coverage in place, you can avoid the financial burden of unexpected vet bills and ensure that your furry friend receives prompt medical attention when needed.

Plus, with the help of "pawlicy" advisor at pawlicy.com, you can compare companies and customize plans that fit your budget and your pet's unique requirements. Don't wait until it's too late - take the proactive step today to safeguard your pet's well-being with the right insurance policy. Your pet will thank you with endless love and tail wags!



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Seizures

Seizures can be a frightening experience for both pets and their owners. They occur when there is a sudden, uncontrolled burst of electrical activity in the brain, and they can range from mild “staring” episodes to full-body convulsions. Seizures may last just a few seconds or several minutes, and pets often appear disoriented, anxious, or tired afterward—a period called the “post-ictal phase.”

There are many potential causes of seizures in dogs and cats. In younger pets, seizures are often linked to genetic epilepsy, especially in certain breeds. In older pets, they may be a sign of underlying conditions like liver disease, kidney disease, brain tumors, toxin exposure, or even high blood pressure. Identifying the root cause is crucial and often involves bloodwork, urine testing, and sometimes advanced imaging like an MRI or CT scan.

If your pet experiences a seizure, try to stay calm. Do not attempt to restrain them, and remove any objects nearby that could cause them harm. Note the duration and what the seizure looked like—this information helps us in diagnosis. If a seizure lasts longer than 3-5 minutes or your pet has multiple seizures in a short period, seek emergency care immediately.

Seizure management may involve medications like phenobarbital, levetiracetam (Keppra), or zonisamide. For many pets, treatment can dramatically reduce the frequency and severity of seizures. If your pet has had a seizure or is showing unusual neurologic behavior, we’re here to help with compassionate care and a personalized diagnostic approach.

Meet our New Veterinarians!

Dr. Pencek

Dr. Pencek graduated from Purdue in 2020 and from The Ohio State University in 2025 with her DVM. She is passionate about mixed animal medicine with a special interest in surgery and urgent/emergency care.

She is now back in the West Lafayette area with her fiancé and is excited to be a part of the local veterinary community. Outside of the office, you can find Dr. Pencek riding horses, building miniatures, working out, and reading.



Dr. Curtis

Dr. Curtis graduated from Earlham College in 2020 and from Purdue in 2024 with her DVM. She brings a genuine passion for small animal general practice, with a particular interest in dermatology and helping pets live an itch-free life.

Dr. Curtis has participated in rehabilitation and research projects in both Tanzania and Guatemala - experiences that have deepened her commitment to compassionate care for all creatures, big and small. Outside of the clinic, you can find Dr. Curtis cheering on Purdue sports, enjoying a good book, exploring new places, or soaking up the sun poolside. At home she shares her life with her beloved crew: three cats - Willow, Belle, and Tate, a sweet dog named Theo, and her boyfriend, Alex.



Nail Trims

Regular nail trims are an important part of your pet’s health—overgrown nails can cause pain, difficulty walking, and even lead to joint problems over time. For many dogs and cats, nail trims can be a stressful experience. Training your pet to accept paw handling and nail trims at home can make a huge difference. Start by gently handling their paws during calm moments, rewarding with treats and praise. Gradually introduce the sound and feel of nail clippers or a Dremel, going slowly and keeping each session positive. With patience and consistency, many pets can learn that nail trims aren’t so scary after all.

Many pets do really well in a low-stress grooming environment where they associate the visit with pampering rather than medical procedures. Groomers are often able to handle routine trims quickly and with minimal stress—especially if your pet has been desensitized at home. That said, we understand not every pet is a fan of the groomer or can safely be handled outside a clinic setting. If your pet is anxious, reactive, has medical needs, or just doesn’t tolerate nail trims well elsewhere, we’re happy to help. Our staff can provide medically necessary nail trims in a safe, supportive environment.

Zenrelia

We have a new anti-itch medication for your itchy canine friend!

Zenrelia is a once daily tablet for dogs over 12 months old; used to treat itching associated with allergic and atopic dermatitis’ (itchy, inflamed, and damaged skin due to environmental allergies).

It is not a corticosteroid or an antihistamine. If your pet hasn’t responded well to either of those in the past, this would be a good product to try!

Summer Dangers

Warm weather brings hidden dangers for pets—common summer toxins include lawn fertilizers, mulch, citronella candles and oils, antifreeze from car maintenance, and certain plants like lilies, mushrooms, and sago palm. Even seemingly harmless things like barbecue scraps or compost can pose serious health risks.

Always store chemicals securely, keep pets away from treated lawns or garden areas, and supervise outdoor time. If you suspect your pet has ingested something toxic, contact us or a pet poison control hotline right away—early action can save lives.

ASPCA Poison Control:
(888) 426-4435

Chronic Kidney Disease

Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) is a common condition in both aging dogs and cats, especially those over the age of 7. The kidneys play a critical role in filtering waste from the blood, regulating hydration, and balancing electrolytes. Over time, these vital organs can lose function, often gradually and without obvious symptoms until the disease is advanced.

Early signs of CKD may include increased thirst and urination, weight loss, decreased appetite, and lethargy. Routine bloodwork and urine testing are key to early detection, even before symptoms arise. While CKD is not curable, it is manageable. Prescription diets, hydration support, and specific medications can greatly improve quality of life and slow the progression of the disease. If your pet is aging or showing any of these signs, speak with our veterinary team about screening for CKD—we’re here to help you catch it early and support your pet every step of the way.