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Heartworm **Facts You Need to Know**

- · Heartworm is carried by mosquitoes.
- · Mosquitoes are found in all 50 states
- Canine Heartworm Disease has been found in all 50 states.
- A mosquito becomes infected when it bites an infected dog or covote and then the mosquito bites and infects an uninfected dog or cat.
- · Pets that do not receive monthly preventative measures for heartworm disease may only live 2-5 years after being infected.
- Keeping your pet inside will not guarantee that it will not get heartworm disease Mosquitoes can get inside the house.

The 6"x11" Postcard Newsletter

Conventional thinking says a newsletter is a great way to keep your name in front of clients and potential clients. But if you're going to grab attention in the chaos of the digital marketplace, you've got to think unconventional. How? By re-inventing big business ideas in small business terms – smart, practical and cost-conscious.

Need a **QUICK** increase in revenue?

Postcards are the proven "Superheroes" –

Their simple format — with no envelope — postcards do not need to scream "Open Me!" Postcards get your message out because they are an easy read and highly visible on BOTH sides. A well-designed postcard can mean a areat boost to your business and bottom line.

Emails are COOL, but postcards are *Tried and True* —

Emails to clients typically have an open rate of 20% - 45%. So the majority of your clients are missing your message. There is NO spam filter on a USPS mailbox! Unlike with email marketing, with postcards you can reach and educate the majority of your clients on important pet heath topics, sell products and drive new clients to your website.

Increased awareness equals increased business —

Postcards raise awareness of your business, products and services. **98%** of all consumers bring in their mail the day it is delivered, and 72% of people surveyed said they read direct mail.

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Pet Health Insurance...

Don't put it off!

The **number one reason** people cite for not purchasing a pet insurance policy is they "didn't get around to it." Oftentimes, pet parents will wait until their pet is already injured or ailing before looking into pet insurance.

The truth is, the best time to protect your pet is **NOW!** Insuring pets when they are young and healthy, before any problems arise, ensures that any accidents, illnesses and injuries will be covered, with no concern about pre-existing conditions (according to claims data young pets are statistically 2.5 times more likely to have an unexpected visit to the vet).

There are lots of pet insurance plans available, ask our staff for brochures and recommendations. You can also visit www.PetInsuranceReview.com and read customer comments and testimonials about the different plans.

What Is Zoonosis and why should you care?

ZOONOSIS refers to a parasite or disease, like rabies, that can be passed from animals to humans. Members of your family can unknowingly pick

up **ZOONOTIC PARASITES** at the park, on a sidewalk, or even in their own backyard. Children are especially vulnerable to zoonotic parasites, mostly because children play outside and have a tendency to put objects in their mouths.

The most common zoonotic parasites are roundworms and hookworms. In fact, in the United States alone, nearly 20% of children contract roundworms from their pets each year. Parasites in humans can lead to abdominal pain. skin irritations, neurological problems, and vision loss.

Because the risk of parasites is year-round, we recommend a monthly parasite prevention program and a regular microscopic examination of your pet's stool.



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CareCredit®

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As a service to our clients we offer CareCredit®, the nations' leading client payment plan. With CareCredit® you can finance 100% of your pet's treatment. You can begin treatment today and conveniently pay with low monthly payments.

PetPortals®

Keeping your pet healthy has never been so easy! From our website, log in to your FREE personal pet portal where you can request appointments,

set up refill reminders, email us for non-urgent communication, and view or print your pets' records at any time.

LOG IN Manage your pet's health online ASK US!

Pet Portal

We've missed you!



Dear Pet Family:

We've noticed that your special family member has not visited our practice in the past twelve months and we wanted to share with you some of the professional services available to help keep your pet happy and healthy.

We understand the challenge it can be for pet owners to provide routine quality pet care to that special family member. Holding back on pet health care is a reflex, especially if you feel you have no control over the final cost of services.

We want to work with you to take care of your pet's important regular exams and most pressing needs, while we stay within the limits of your budget.

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A Happier and Healthier Life for Your Best Friend!

Our Professional Services

- General Medicine
- Avian & Exotics
- Vaccinations
- Digital Radiology
- Internal Medicine
- Pain Management
- Flea Control
- Dental Care / X-ray
- Wellness Care

- Nutritional Counseling
- Senior Wellness
- Laser Pain Therapy
- General Surgery
- Prescription Diets
- **Behavioral Counseling**
- Boarding & Grooming
- In-House Laboratory
- Nail Trimming

Microchip Implants -Don't lose your pet!

This "high-tech" mechanism is a tiny computer chip that is programmed



with an identification number that can be scanned by veterinarians and animal shelters. The chip is small enough to fit into a hypodermic needle, which is used to inject the microchip under the skin of your pet.



Cats are not small dogs, not even close. Feline friendly programs and gentle handling techniques help our feline friends be more

comfortable, feel safer, and experience less stress when they come to visit. Cats need a canned food and high protein diet as they age. Older cats need less vaccines and more dental care.

Proper Tick Removal



A tick's mouthparts have harpoon-like barbs; they do not screw into the skin. When removing. DO NOT crush, jerk

or twist. Exposure to the tick's body fluids could lead to the transmission of disease. DO NOT use your fingers to remove the tick. Using tweezers or forceps, grasp the tick's mouthparts as close to the skin as possible and gently pull the tick straight out, steadily and firmly. After removal, wash hands and bite site with soap and water and apply antiseptic to the site.

Tick Removal Myths

Avoid folklore remedies such as "painting" the tick with nail polish or petroleum jelly, or using heat to make the tick detach from the skin. Doing so can harm your pet and may cause an embedded tick to release more of the disease-carrying saliva.

What Others are Saying – yelp

"... The vet techs are very helpful and attentive to detail when taking down my pets history. The doctors, especially Dr Wright (the practice owner) are great and want nothing but the best for your pet. They will be honest and work with whatever budget you have."

- Victoria A.

A Dog's Dictionary

BUMP — **REGULAR:** The best way to get human attention while the human is drinking a fresh cup of coffee or tea. To execute, maneuver your snout under the arm holding the liquid

beverage. When your snout is properly positioned, bounce the human's arm upward with one smooth, flowing action.

BUMP — **GOOSE**: A more involved maneuver than the **bump** — **regular**, requiring that you wrap your forepaws and legs around the human's legs and begin climbing up the legs. This is a last resort when the **bump** — regular doesn't get the desired attention. Please note: This advanced bump will almost certainly cause an immediate, unintended response, and caution is advised.

Infection Rates North Carolina

2,342 pets Heartworms

Latest 2014 Parasite

Intestinal Parasites

Roundworms 512 pets Hookworms 787 pets Whipworms 325 pets

Tick Borne Disease

Lyme 1,038 pets **Ehrlichiosis** 4,055 pets **Anaplasmosis** 251 pets

Risk to these infections can easily be lowered by using monthly parasite prevention.



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