

Grass Lake Animal Hospital

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Spring has Sprung!



April is Flea and Tick preventative month.

As the temperature rises so does your pet's risk of becoming a meal for fleas and ticks. Remember that while fleas, ticks, and mosquitoes may seem to merely be nuisance pests, they are actually capable of causing severe health problems to your pets.

Vectra: A topical preventative applied once monthly. Repels and kills fleas, ticks, mosquitoes, biting and sand flies, lice, and mites. It kills through contact so parasites don't have to bite your pet to die. **Buy a 6pack and get 3 doses FREE!**

NexGard An all **NEW** way to protect your dog from fleas and ticks. NexGard is a beef flavored chew that is given once monthly. It kills ticks, existing fleas, and new adult fleas before they can lay eggs. Hate applying a topical product every month???

Upcoming Events:

Memorial Tree Service
May 24th @ 1pm

Rabies Clinic
July 11th&12th.

See Coupons on Back

IS YOUR CAT FEELING FRISKY?

For cats who aren't spayed or neutered, spring is all about making kittens. Female cats aged 4 months or older go into heat around February as they experience more daylight. If you've noticed your female cat seems more active, more affectionate, and more talkative, these are signs that she is able to get pregnant. She will remain in heat until about November unless she is spayed. Cats in heat are challenging to be around, because of obnoxious behavior and attempts to "escape", so keeping her inside may fray your nerves!. An unspayed female cat, on average, could have as many as **1-8 kittens** per litter, and 2-3 litters per year, if

allowed. Un-neutered male cats don't have heat cycles and are capable of getting a female cat pregnant all year round, but their tom-cat behaviors (spraying, fighting, howling) will get worse when there are female cats in heat to be found. We strongly recommend that all cats be either spayed or neutered, both for behavior reasons and because in Jackson county, it is estimated that there are over 3000 unwanted cats and kittens surrendered to the shelter or humane society every year. At least 60% of these cats are never adopted and so they are euthanized. Call today to get your cat "fixed" – we can do something about kitty spring fever!

Here at Grass Lake AH, we offer spays and neuters at a discounted price for strays and barn cats. Call the clinic today for pricing and to schedule an appointment!

****ATTENTION****

This will be our LAST printed newsletter. We're going paperless!!!! Look for our next newsletter on our Facebook page!!!!

Congrats to Gretchen S. and Bella C. on winning our Heartworm Clinic drawing!!!!!!

Did you know?

Spring is about babies! Soon you may see babies – birds, rabbits, even fawns – that seem to be abandoned. Chances are, they aren't – mom is close by waiting for you to leave. If you find a bird hopping around that can't fly yet, it is a fledgling and it is normal for it to be out of the nest. Younger birds

can be picked up and placed back in the nest if you can find it – your "scent" will not prevent the parents from taking care of it. Rabbits are notorious for picking bad nesting spots (your garden or lawn...) and most people don't realize the mother rabbit only visits the nest a couple times a day. You can safely move the

babies to a sheltered area **CLOSE** to where you found them. Young fawns depend on hiding not running but mom is near. If you find an obviously injured baby, bring it to see Dr. Gretchen and she will evaluate whether it can be safely rehabilitated.