

# Flanary Vet Clinic Newsletter

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It is July and the dog days of summer are well underway! Let's devote this entire newsletter to our best friends! FVC would like to take a moment to remind pet parents to think of their pet's needs during these hot days.

## ***Here are some key tips to help keep them cool and safe this summer:***

- Provide fresh drinking water.
- Make sure they have access to shade.
- Test pavement to ensure it's not too hot for your pet's paws before walks.
- Aim for early morning/late evening walks to avoid the hottest times of day.
- Never leave a pet unattended in a car.



## Fun Dog Facts:

- Most popular dog names of 2023 are Charlie, Cooper, Lucy, Bella, Luna, Bailey, Daisy, and Max.
  - A dog's nose print is unique, much like a human fingerprint.
  - 45% of dogs in the US sleep in the same bed as their owner
    - Dogs are not color blind- they can see blue and yellow.
      - All puppies are born deaf.
      - Dogs pant to cool their body temperature.
- A large breed dog's resting heart beats 60-100 times per minute, and a small breed dog's heart beats 100-140. Comparatively, a resting human heart beats 60-100 times per minute.

## RABIES: It's always FATAL...Is your pet protected?



Rabies is an incurable viral disease that affects the central nervous system of almost all mammals, including cats, dogs, ferrets, and humans. Animals which can commonly carry and spread the rabies virus are coyotes, skunks, foxes,

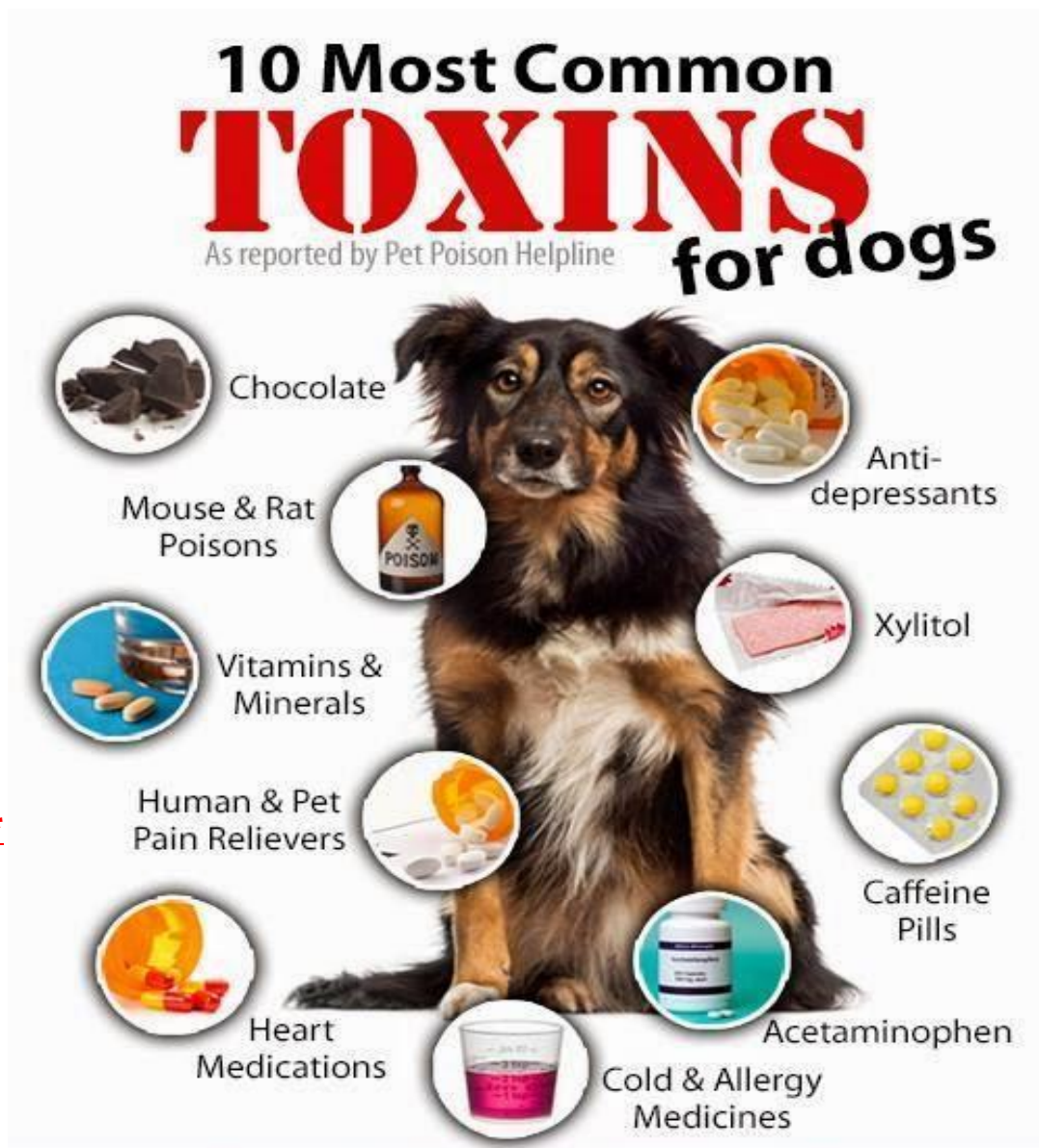
raccoons, and bats. It is spread through contact with the saliva of infected animals through bites or breaks in the skin.

Vaccinations provide your pet with a much greater resistance to rabies if they are exposed to the disease, but you must be aware that there is no cure once it occurs. For this reason, many municipalities, including the state of Kentucky, absolutely require that all pets receive a 1-year rabies vaccine annually. In addition, you will definitely have to prove that your pet is vaccinated if you ever have to travel with them – whether across the country or around the world!



## TOP 10 TOXIN CALLS FOR DOGS

1. Chocolate
2. Mouse & Rat Poisons
3. Ibuprofen & Acetaminophen
4. Xylitol
5. Vitamin D (in large amounts)
6. Antidepressant Medications
7. Fertilizers
8. Grapes & Raisins
9. Decongestant Medications
10. Caffeine (pills & drinks)



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Special\*\***

**July**



# DOG DAYS OF SUMMER!



**YEARLY VACCINATIONS:  
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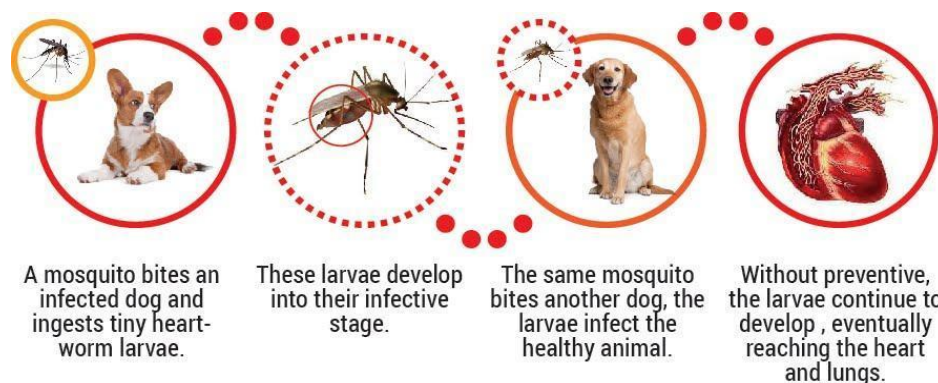
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Since we are in the dog days of summer when mosquitos, ticks and fleas are out in full force, I want to encourage everyone to use their heartworm and flea/tick prevention on their pets!

**Remember these important facts:**

- Even strictly indoor pets can get heartworms.
- All it takes is one mosquito to bite your pet to transmit the deadly heartworm disease.
  - “Out of sight, out of mind.” These deadly worms live in the heart, and we can’t see the damage they cause.
- Fleas carry tapeworms, the most common worm, and are also pure misery for your pets!
  - One flea bites an average of 50 times.
    - Any fur animal is a flea hotel.
- Treat all pets in your home or you are wasting your money in only treating one.
- Even inside pet’s need protecting because we as humans can bring in ticks and fleas.
  - Any pet that goes outside needs protecting because fleas and ticks are everywhere!
- Ticks carry and can transmit Lyme’s Disease, Ehrlichiosis & Anaplasmosis to your pet with just one bite!



## Products we carry and recommend for the prevention of Heartworms and Intestinal Worms:

- Interceptor Plus -Chew- (Given Monthly) Takes care of all intestinal worms as well as heartworms.
  - Trifexis -Tablet- (Given Monthly)
    - Proheart Injection (Given every 6 or 12 months)
- Nexgaard Combo for Cats- Topical for Cats- Applied monthly.

## Products we carry and recommend for Fleas and Ticks:



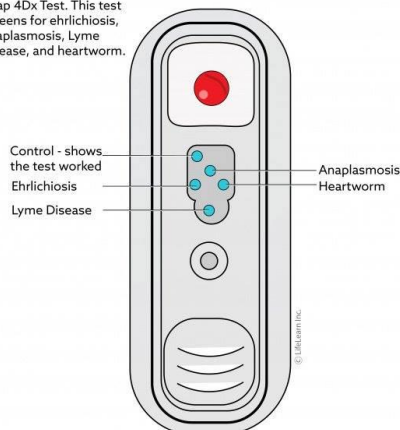
- Nexgaard Topical for Cats (Administered Monthly)
- Bravecto Chewable for Dogs (Given Every 4 or 12 Weeks)
  - Trifexis Tablet (Given Monthly)

## **PSA FOR PET OWNERS:**

Fleas and Ticks are especially bad this year, and there has been a major increase in the spread of tick-borne diseases in pets & humans! This summer alone we are seeing at least 3 positive tests for Ehrlichia every day!

If you are unsure about your pet's status regarding tick borne disease, we can test them with our 4DX test in as little as 10 minutes.

Snap 4Dx Test. This test screens for ehrlichiosis, anaplasmosis, Lyme disease, and heartworm.



# Basic Needs of the Dog



## Examination

1-2x per year to detect various health issues

Such as:

Dental Disease, Cancer, Allergies, Ear Infections, Heart Disease, and more  
Senior Pet ( Age 7+) should be examined 2x per year. Pets age 3 1/2 years  
every 6 months

## Vaccinations:

Recommended to prevent Rabies, Distemper, Parvo, Hepatitis, Lepto,  
Parainfluenza, and Bordetella.

There are several life threatening diseases and conditions that can be  
prevented with proper vaccinations.

## Proper Nutrition

Prevent Deficiencies, Obesity, & Maximize Health

## Parasite Prevention

To prevent Fleas and Ticks, which can lead to skin infections, cause  
tapeworms, and Lymes's disease and lead to misery for you and your pets,

## Intestinal Deworming

2-4 times per year depending on your dogs life style

\*If your dog is on heartworm prevention it gets dewormed for intestinal  
worms monthly\*

**\*Dr. Flanary & Dr. Ferrell recommends\***

**Bravecto for Dogs for Flea & Tick Control**

**Interceptor Plus for Heartworm Prevention and GI Deworming.**

## Spay/Neuter Procedure

Spaying or Neutering your dog will protect them from uterine infections, breast  
tumors, testicular cancer, prostate problems, and contributing to overpopulation

## Bloodwork

Evaluates Kidney, Liver, and Gallbladder Function, and monitors for Diabetes to  
help keep your pet healthy overall



# Flea, Tick, Heartworm, & Intestinal Worm Prevention for Cats



## Bravecto Topical for Cats

Lasts 3 months  
(Fleas & Ticks ONLY)

Buy 2 boxes get \$10  
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Lasts 1 month

Buy 6 months get  
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# Flea, Tick, & Heartworm Prevention for Dogs



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 (Rebates not applicable on 1 month option)

**Buy 2 boxes get \$10 online rebate**  
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**Trifexis: Fleas, Heartworms, Roundworms, Hookworms, Whipworms**  
**Lasts 1 month**  
**Buy 6 months get \$20 online rebate**  
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**Interceptor Plus:**  
**Heartworms, Roundworms, Hookworms, Whipworms, & Tapeworms**  
**Lasts 1 month**  
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**ProHeart Injection: Heartworm Prevention**  
**Lasts 6 or 12 months**  
**Buy 6 month injection get \$5 Online Rebate**  
**Buy 12 month injection get \$20 online Rebate**

## The FVC SPA

Family reunions, vacations, and 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebrations are a lot of fun! Taking time out to wash the dog was not part of those plans; let them get pampered with a spa day at FVC!

Spa days include a nail trim, bubble bath, and a Bandana!

Prices are:

1-25 LB - \$25

26-50 LB - \$35

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pride in caring for your pet as if they were our own. You can be confident that they are receiving the care that they deserve, and you demand. And while we are making sure that they are happy and comfortable, we will also make sure that they stay healthy and safe. FVC offers cat condos and spacious dog runs, which are both climate controlled, and two outside fenced in "play areas." Pets are always supervised when outside and never allowed with other pets unless they are "family."

For all boarding reservations, when your dog boards overnight they can receive a bubble bath before going home for 20% off! Your pet also gets 1 round of play or snuggle time per day at no additional charge. To make the



hardship of being away from your pet a little easier we also text you a photo of your pet during their stay. We also offer TREAT TIME for just \$1 per night- Let us give your furbaby some extra lovings while you're gone- We love to spoil them! The treats can also be upgraded to our Gourmet Claudia Cuisine Cookies.

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- View your pet's vaccine history
- View your pet's bloodwork results
- Direct text messaging through 270-898-9738 (and we can text you back!)
  - Send us pictures of your pets directly to 270-898-9738



## **Say Hello....**

**We have some new faces around the clinic- We would like everyone to formally be introduced to**

- Sarah Grace
  - Kristin
  - Ava
- Britany
  - Zoey
  - Paige

We have expanded our team to better serve our patients & clients- during this time of transition & learning for our new staff, we ask that you please be patient & kind as we are training our new staff members.

Thank you!

## Thank you for coming to our Dr. Talks....

In case you have missed them on our social media pages, Dr. Flanary is shedding some light on several topics that she wishes all her clients knew...

**Grain Free Diets:** Do not feed a grain free diet! The tv commercials are wrong! It causes heart problems- Medical data has proven that grain free diets cause heart issues. Your pet is not a wolf or a bobcat. And if your pet has a food allergy which is less than 10% of the allergy cases, they are allergic to the protein source (beef, chicken, lamb, pork). Grains including corn are an important part of your pet's diet. They give energy to your pet along with lots of other important needs. So do not listen to people who sell pet food on tv and want your money. Instead listen to your veterinarian who went to school and took nutrition classes.

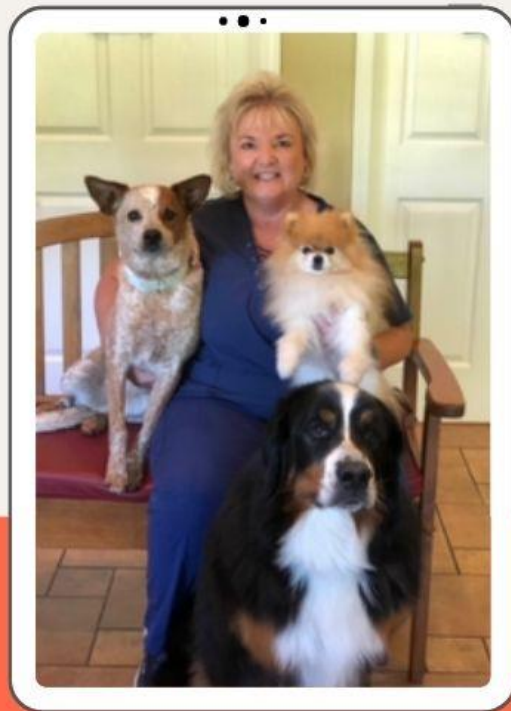
**Heartworms:** Heartworms will kill your pets! Keep on prevention all year- Heartworms are spread through ONE bite from a mosquito!!! And mosquitoes are everywhere including your homes. One bit me tonight while I was on the couch. The microscopic baby heartworms grow to adult worms that are the same size as a spaghetti noodle in your right side of heart and vessels. If left untreated they will multiply and cause heart failure and DEATH!!!! This is 100 % prevented by giving a monthly prevention which also treats intestinal worms each month. And all dogs eat things and get worms which can be spread to people. Heartworm prevention is easy to give with monthly chewable or injections that last 6 or 12 months. These are usually \$10 or less a month! That's like equivalent to one meal out a month! Treatment for heartworms is long, hard on your dog's body, and expensive.... Like \$1000. Heartworm prevention sales have declined to only 20 % of pet owners buying them, mainly because people do not see them, and do not think they are deadly to their pets! That's 80% of dogs not getting prevention and more likely to have heartworms and mosquitos can spread them more easily from pet to pet. Plus, all dogs need intestinal dewormers from time to time! Heartworm preventions are a prescription just like an antibiotic and can only be bought at your pet's veterinary clinic or with a script from your veterinarian. So, when you

say you got it from Walmart - it is not heartworm prevention! Only flea and tick preventions can be bought OTC- over the counter. Buy heartworm prevention BEFORE you buy the flea and tick! Heartworms will kill your pets. And treat them with preventions for 12 months of the year. If you have any questions, feel free to ask us.

DONT MISS

## FACTS WITH DR. FLANARY

Shedding some light on the topics that your veterinarian wishes EVERYONE knew...



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Let me be honest, and go on my soap box for a minute...

Daily, I hear a lot of people turn down heartworm prevention for their pet. Please remember even though you cannot see heartworms, they are real and can KILL your pet! All it takes is ONE mosquito bite for them to become infected.

Also, all pets (MINE INCLUDED) eat things outside, including small dead creatures. It can happen before you even know they have done anything but eating things outside commonly infect them with worms! Did you know that most heartworm preventions also take care of Gi parasites? So, when we say heartworm prevention, it really should be called "Worm Prevention" since monthly it takes care of any worms in the heart and guts!

Lastly, I would like to ask everyone- Which vaccine do you think is the most important for the health of your pet? The most common answer we get is Rabies, which while it is important and required by law for your pet annually, there were only 15 cases in Kentucky in 2019. Do you know how many Distemper, Parvovirus, Hepatitis, or Leptospirosis cases we have seen? How about respiratory viruses in cats? Much more than 15. It's for this reason that the DHLPP or the FVRCP vaccine is what we consider the most important for your pet's health. Let us break it down for you.

**Canine Distemper-** A contagious and serious disease caused by a virus that attacks the respiratory, gastrointestinal, and nervous systems of puppies and dogs . Spread by wild animals (like raccoons) through respiratory droplets or a shared water/food source. How many of you have caught a racoon at your pets outside food or water bowl? Preventable with proper vaccination.

**Canine Parvovirus-** The virus affects dogs' gastrointestinal tracts and is spread by direct dog-to-dog contact and contact with contaminated feces (stool), environments, or people. The virus can also contaminate kennel surfaces, food and water bowls, collars and leashes, and the hands and clothing of people who handle infected dogs. It is resistant to heat, cold, humidity, and drying, and can survive in the environment for long periods of time. It can also be spread by fleas

who were hosted by a contaminated dog. Preventable with proper vaccination and flea control.

**Feline panleukopenia-** is a highly contagious viral disease of cats caused by the feline parvovirus. Kittens are most severely affected by the virus. The names feline distemper and feline parvo should not be confused with canine distemper or canine parvo— although their names are similar, they are caused by different viruses. Preventable with proper vaccination

**Canine Hepatitis-** Infectious canine hepatitis is caused by a virus, canine adenovirus 1. Consumption of urine, feces, or saliva from infected dogs is the most common route of infection. Recovered dogs shed virus in their urine for at least 6 months. The virus targets the lining of blood vessels, the liver, kidneys, spleen, and lungs, though other organs are occasionally involved. Long-term kidney damage and clouding of the cornea of the eye result from immune-complex reactions after recovery from the disease. Preventable with proper vaccination. Who walks their dog outside or lets it out in a yard?

**Leptospirosis-** Leptospirosis is an infectious disease caused by a type of bacteria. Bacteria are passed in the urine or open wounds of infected animals and can survive in the environment for long periods of time in warm, stagnant water or moist soil. Wild animals, including skunks, raccoons, opossums, rats, wolves, and deer, can spread infection to dogs. Preventable with proper vaccination. Whose dogs drink out of water puddles?

As you can see, your dog's DHLPP/DHPP and cat's FVRCP vaccine are the MOST IMPORTANT to their health and safety! Call or PetDesk us for an appointment to get your pet vaccinated against these deadly diseases.

We hope this was informative and helpful to you so you can make the best decisions for your pet's wellbeing in the future! We hope you have a great July and stay safe!

LaNita S. Flanary DVM & Kayla Ferrell DVM

