



# Animal Clinic of Chardon

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## Did you know?

*Most domestic dogs are capable of reaching speeds up to about nineteen miles per hour when running at full speed.*

*An adult cat can run about 12 miles per hour, and can sprint at nearly thirty miles per hour.*

*Using their swiveling ears like radar dishes, experiments have shown that dogs can locate the source of a sound in 6/100ths of a second.*

*Cats have better memories than dogs. Tests conducted by the University of Michigan concluded that while a dog's memory lasts no more than 5 minutes, a cat's can last as long as 16 hours—exceeding even that of monkeys and orangutans.*

## Special Deals!

### Heartgard

Buy 12 doses, get a \$12 rebate

### Heartgard & Nexgard

Buy 12 doses of Heartgard and 12 doses of Nexgard, get

## Make the Trip to the Vet Fear Free

Our team needs your help to make your pet's visit as Fear Free as possible. One thing you can do is to ensure that your pet gets to the clinic in a calm state of mind. The following tips will help you and your pet arrive.

Your pet should voluntarily go into a carrier or crate or wear a seatbelt harness. Give any prescribed anti-nausea or anti-anxiety supplements or medications as prescribed by your veterinarian.



Cats should be resting comfortably in their carrier before being placed in the vehicle. Walk dogs to the car on leash. Like cats, small dogs can get in the carrier indoors and be carried to the car.

When transporting your cat or small dog in a carrier, minimize movement. If possible, support the carrier from the bottom, with one side resting against your chest, as if you are carrying a fragile gift. This helps your pet to feel more secure and ensures that he isn't eye to eye with other animals as you walk into the lobby of the veterinary hospital.

Prepare the car so it promotes a calming environment.

- Play calming music specially composed for cats and dogs, or pop in an audiobook.
- Apply calming pheromones or scents such as lavender. 6 to 8 sprays of a calming pheromone or 2 or 3 sprays of a diluted lavender scent will suffice. Apply 10 to 15 minutes before your pet enters the carrier or car.
- Cool or warm the car to a comfortable temperature before putting your pet inside.

Carrier/crate is properly secured in the vehicle

- Nonslip surface in and under carrier/crate or on the car seat.
- Place a pheromone-infused towel



\$50 rebate

## Nexgard

Buy 6 doses of Nexgard, get 1 dose free (Cannot be combined with other rebates)

Need medications?  
Food? Heartworm, flea and tick preventatives?  
Visit our [online store](#) and have your purchase conveniently shipped to your home!



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or blanket over the carrier, leaving one side uncovered for ventilation.

- The floorboard behind the passenger seat is the most secure location for a small pet carrier.
- Secure large crates or carriers to prevent sliding.

Avoid feeling rushed. If you are stressed, your pet will sense this and may become stressed.

To prevent carsickness, accelerate slowly from a stop, allow extra distance between other vehicles to prevent sudden braking, and take turns slowly.

Be matter of fact, and don't speak to your pet in a sing-song voice. If you are calm, happy and relaxed, your pet will be, too.

Cats need five to ten minutes to adjust to their new surroundings and feel safe. If you cannot avoid waiting in the lobby, place your cat's carrier on an elevated surface & cover the front and two sides with a pheromone-infused towel. Depending on your dog's preferences, you might wait in the vehicle, take a short walk, or wait in the lobby.

For additional tips, visit [fearfreehappyhomes.com](http://fearfreehappyhomes.com)

## Our Response to FDA Warning

We have recently been hearing about a recent FDA warning regarding the isoxazoline class of flea and tick preventives. The warning indicates that preventives in this class (including Nexgard, Bravecto and Simparica) can cause tremors and seizures. The companies who make these products will be required by the FDA to place the warning regarding possible neurological problems on their labels going forward.

The doctors and staff of Animal Clinic of Chardon have been using Nexgard for years with no side effects and will continue to do so. We feel that not having fleas, and especially disease-carrying ticks far outweighs the VERY low possibility of seizures. As always, if you have questions or concerns, we are happy to discuss this further with you so that you can rest assured that your furry friend is safe and healthy!



**Watch our Facebook page for an upcoming Halloween contest!**