



Animal Clinic of Chardon

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Did you know?

The most common cause of itching in pets:

- Flea allergy #1
- Atopic dermatitis – aka seasonal, airborne, or environmental allergy (#2 in dogs, #3 in cats)
- Food Allergy (#3 in dogs, #2 in cats)

So far in 2017, there has been 27 positive cases of dog Lyme disease in Geauga County, 99 in Lake County, and 123 in Cuyahoga County. Lyme disease vaccination is the key to protecting your dog.

A cat can't climb head first down a tree because every claw on a cat's paw points the same way. To get down from a tree, a cat must back down.

The U.S. has the highest dog population in the world. France has the second highest.

Special



Fear Free for your Home!

The Animal Clinic of Chardon has implemented many Fear Free techniques in order to make your pet's visit less stressful. Now you too can learn these techniques and more for use in your home. Visit www.fearfreehappyhomes.com to help make your home Fear Free!

Fall Dangers and Your Dog

Ready or not, fall is approaching. The white pants are put away, the trips to the beach come to a halt, the kids are back in school, and cinnamon spice candles and fall decorations cover the house! With all the allure and beauty of the season, unfortunately, there are some common pet emergencies that veterinarians see at the animal hospital.

Football parties and food

Dogs and cats are used to eating the same food every day. Their gastrointestinal tracts develop natural flora (or bacteria) that specifically digest their regular food. When dogs eat something that they are unaccustomed to, such as nachos and chicken wings, they can develop severe inflammation, vomiting and diarrhea. It can also lead to more serious conditions such as pancreatitis.



In addition to foreign foods, some foods in large quantities are toxic to our pets, such as grapes, onions, garlic and raisins. Some foods can present a risk for choking, such as:

- Corn on the cob
- Fruits with pits
- Foods with bones
- Toothpicks or skewers

Mushrooms

Deals!

Heartgard

Buy 12 doses, get a \$12 rebate

Heartgard & Nexgard

Buy 12 doses of Heartgard and 6 doses of Nexgard, get a \$25 rebate

Buy 12 doses of Heartgard and 12 doses of Nexgard, get a \$50 rebate

Nexgard

Buy 3 doses, get 1 free
Buy 6 doses, get 2 free
(can be combined with above rebate)

Revolution

Buy 6 doses, get 2 free
Buy 9 doses, get 3 free

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

Planning a summer vacation? Let us take care of your pet! We offer all-inclusive service and will treat your family member like our own!

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There are certain types of mushrooms that can be toxic for our dogs, causing:

- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Abdominal pain
- Depression
- Tremors
- Seizures
- Liver and kidney disease

Amanita phalloides is a mushroom found throughout the United States which can be difficult to identify. It is best to avoid all mushrooms and consider them toxic until proven otherwise. Make sure to check your yard for any wild mushrooms, and keep a look out when you take your pets for a walk.

Mothballs

Mothballs contain either paradichlorobenzene or naphthalene, which can cause:

- Vomiting
- Severe abdominal pain
- Tremors
- Weakness
- Possible kidney or liver failure
- Severe abnormality of your pet's red blood cells if ingested

If you use mothballs, please make sure they are well out of the reach of your pets.

Antifreeze

Antifreeze has a sweet smell and taste and our pets love to lick it. Antifreeze is extremely dangerous if ingested and is one of the most common forms of poisoning in pets. As little as one teaspoon in a cat or a tablespoon or two for dogs, depending on the size of animal, can be fatal. Signs of early poisoning include acting drunk or uncoordinated, excessive thirst, and lethargy.

Rodenticides

There are several different types of chemicals in mouse and rat poisons, all with different active ingredients. Many of these mouse and rat baits are toxic and can be deadly if ingested. If your dog ingests any rodenticides, bring him to your veterinarian immediately. Try and take the label or box that the rodenticide came with so your veterinarian can assess the active ingredient and whether it is toxic. When placing rodenticides, it is imperative to keep them away from your pets!

Compost bins or piles



Piles of decomposing and decaying organic matter and molding food products in your backyard compost pile have the potential to contain "tremorgenic mycotoxins," meaning molds which cause tremors. Even small amounts ingested can result in tremors or seizures within 30 minutes to several hours.