

Saving Snappy...

In January, we received a phone call from school teacher Dan from Silver Falls School in NW Oregon because his classroom pet, Snappy, an 8-year old snapping turtle had swallowed a 5-inche length of rubber tubing from his enclosure. Dan had been referred to our practice by Dr. Vickstrom of Corvallis.

Students and teachers alike were very concerned about their beloved pet. Dr Fricke was happy to help Snappy. Teacher Dan used this opportunity to explain to students the seriousness of the problem and the risk to Snappy should he need surgery to remove the tubing. He explained that Snappy's treatment could be costly and

within 24 hours, students had collected over seven hundred dollars in donations.

Teacher Dan brought Snappy in and waited nervously in the waiting room while Dr Fricke placed Snappy under a general anesthesia. Dan filmed the entire operation for the students. After inserting the endo-

scope into Snappy's stomach Dr Fricke felt he would be able to remove the tubing with success.

Dan was present when Dr. Fricke removed the rubber tubing with the endoscopic equipment. Dan was overwhelmed with happiness over the success of the procedure. Since Snappy didn't require surgery, with the remaining funds students were able to purchase a new and better enclosure for Snappy.



Staff News...

- We are happy to announce Mekeesha from Client Care is doing great and is back with us after her surgery!
- Dr. Mary Arpaia and husband Joe are expecting a baby girl in August. Congratulations Mary and Joe!
- Dr. Fricke has been attending courses this winter on cranial-sacral and manual therapies for pets. We have seen great success in this new treatment. Any pet with stiffness, pain or lameness can benefit.
- Dr. Breanna Buxton will be leaving McKenzie Animal Hospital and moving to the East Coast this spring. Dr. Buxton has been a wonderful team member, we will miss her and wish her the best.

2008

National Pet Weight Loss Year!

The American Veterinary Medical Association has recognized 2008 as a year to educate ourselves as pet owners about the health risk of obesity in our pets.

Obesity is the leading cause of health problems in pets today. Obesity can lead to diabetes, skin infections, hormonal imbalances, arthritis and joint inflammation.

We continually strive to educate clients about recognizing obesity in their pets with body condition scoring at each physical exam and tracking patient's weight. If you are interested in seeing your pets weight chart please ask and we can print out a copy.

McKenzie Animal Hospital also has introduced a new drug, for dogs only, to help aide in weight loss. Launched by

Pfizer, this medication called Slentrol®, is used to help with weight loss by suppressing the appetite and decreasing fat absorption in the body. Slentrol is a sold by prescription only.

Please set up an appointment today to speak with your veterinarian about weight loss options for your pet.



Pet Loss Recovery Your Pet's Phone Call Home

Microchips A microchip ID can ensure your pet's protection and safety if ever lost and then found. More than 10 million pets get lost each year and 90% won't return home without effective identification. Unfortunately, getting lost is the number one cause of pet deaths. Microchipping is as quick and painless as a vaccination. The chip is inserted between the shoulder blades where it stays put. It is fast, easy and safe.

To date, HomeAgain has reunited almost 500,000 lost pets with their families. For just \$39.99, we can microchip your pet today during your regular visit. This special price includes the microchip, the implantation of the microchip, and your first year of membership services with HomeAgain.



Employee of the Quarter



Andra Risch, Outpatient Technician, is McKenzie Animal Hospital's Spring Employee of the Quarter. Andra joined our practice in January of 2007. She brings a special caring and concern and is attentive to the needs of both our clients and patients. Andra has taken on several special projects and is always willing to help. Andra enjoys gardening and spoiling her cat Jasmine. Thanks Andra for all you do!

HomeAgain Membership Benefits

- Amber Alert Proactive pet recovery network
- Lost Pet Accident Insurance up to \$3,000 reimbursement
- 24/7 emergency medical care "Ask a Vet"
- Pet ID Card
- Free Access to Poison Control Hotline

Roundworm Infection in Humans More Common Than You Think

New Center for Disease Control (CDC) study results show that Toxocara roundworm infection is more common than previously thought. Almost 14% of the U.S. human population is infected with Toxocara, a parasite of dogs and cats. Although most people infected with Toxocara have no symptoms, the parasite is capable of causing blindness and other serious illness.

The CDC study shows transmission of Toxocara is most common in young children and youth under the age of 20. All children are more likely to be infected as children tend to play in and sometimes eat contaminated soil. Dog ownership was associated with infection in this study.

Prevention is the key:

- Keep the pet under a veterinarians care for early and regular deworming.
- Clean up after the pet and dispose of stools
- Keep animals play area clean
- Wash hands after playing with dogs or cats
- Keep children from playing in areas where animals have soiled
- Cover sandboxes to keep out animals
- Don't let children eat dirt.

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