



Bucksburn

Veterinary Hospital



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Please call us for advice before going to an emergency hospital!*****

SPRING 2017 NEWSLETTER


➤ This issue:

- Welcome Spring! What you Need to Know about Ticks
- Spring Cleaning – Keeping your pet, house, and car clean this season
- Spring Safety
- Welcome to Bucksburn

What you
**NEED TO
KNOW**
About
TICKS




Tick Populations are
ON THE RISE
in Ontario




As the climate warms, the
environment becomes more
favourable for ticks

Ticks become
ACTIVE
when the
Temperature
reaches
4°C



Dogs and People can Contract
LYME DISEASE
and other Illnesses



From
TICKS

The **BEST WAY** to **PREVENT**
Lyme Disease in Dogs is Using
ORAL or TOPICAL



**TICK CONTROL
MEDICATION**

Lyme Disease
VACCINATION
is Also Available



As tick populations increase in Oakville, the options for tick control are growing too! Back this year is the popular ADVANTAGE MULTI and K9 ADVANTIX combo pack for coverage of heartworm, intestinal parasites, fleas, ticks, and more! NEW this year for those that prefer REVOLUTION is a combo pack containing a new ORAL tick prevention chew, SIMPARICA.

There are currently no products available that effectively control and prevent heartworm AND ticks in a single medication, therefore a combination of 2 medications are needed for complete parasite control for dogs!

Spring Cleaning

Spring can be a messy time of year for dog owners. Melting snow, rain, and mud makes for wet and dirty paws! Check out these products that help keep your dog, your house, and your car mess-free.

Microfiber Doormat (eg. Soggy Doggy®): Train your pet to lay on this mat after returning from a walk in wet weather. The highly absorbent material will dry up drippy paws and reduce the amount of mud tracked into the house. Alternatively, look for microfiber mitts or gloves (such as Spotless Paw ®), to give your pet's paws a quick drying rub-down before entering the house or car!



Car Seat Hammock: Keep your back seat clean and dry with a waterproof hammock. These easy-to-install seat protectors prevent mud and moisture from soaking into your car seats. They can be easily removed and cleaned.



Pet Wipes: For smaller dog and cat paws, you may find it easier to clean the paws with disposable pet wipes. If you can't find a pet wipe, baby wipes work too!

When your pet needs the full-service Spring Cleaning, we're here to help. Our Groomer Sharon is now available Tuesday – Friday. For *first time* grooms, ask how you can get **50% off!** Don't forget about our *Grooming Loyalty* program – **after 10 grooms, your 11th is 50% off**, and our *tidy up discount* – **30% off** if your pet is groomed within 6 weeks of their previous groom!

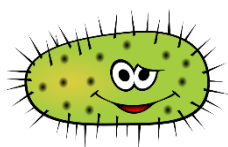
Spring Safety

As we transition into nicer weather, outdoor activities with pets are on the rise. Is your furry friend prepared? Here are some important considerations for spring safety:



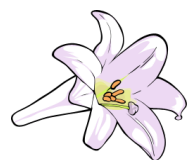
Ensure your pets nails are trimmed short. Reduced activity in the winter can allow nails to overgrow because there is reduced natural wearing of the nails. Longer nails can break when dogs are more active outdoors.

Ease in to physical activity. You may have maintained your cardiovascular fitness through the winter, but if your pet has been a couch potato, they will need some time to adjust to increased physical activity.



Watch out for debris outside that may tempt your pet to 'indulge'. Melted 'poopsicles', garbage, water from puddles, and other materials can cause upset stomach and diarrhea, and may put your pet at risk for parasitic, viral, and bacterial infection. Ensure your pet's vaccines are up to date!

Lily flowers (particularly Easter Lilies) are toxic to cats. They can cause kidney failure if a curious cat chews on parts of the plant. Cat owners would be wise to avoid these flowers in the house!



WELCOME TO BUCKSBURN!

We're happy to welcome these adorable new additions to our clinic



QUIZ CORNER

Did you know...

Which type of tick in our area carries **LYME DISEASE**?

- American Dog Tick (*Dermacentor variabilis*)
- Deer Tick (*Ixodes scapularis*)
- Brown Dog Tick (*Rhipicephalus sanguineus*)
- Lone Star Tick (*Amblyomma americanum*)

Think you know the answer? The first 3 people who send us the correct answer by email will win a **FREE** nail trim!

- ... That a Wombat's poo is cube shaped?
- ... That giraffes have the same number of bones in their neck as humans?
- ... That dogs don't have collarbones?
- ... That horses can't vomit?
- ... That tarantulas can regenerate a leg if one is lost?
- ... That an elephant is pregnant for 22 months?

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ANY OF THE TOPICS DISCUSSED, PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO DROP IN, CONTACT US AT 905-257-7777, SEND US A FACEBOOK MESSAGE, OR EMAIL BUCKSBURNVETHOSPITAL@GMAIL.COM