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Beckett & Associates Veterinary Services, LLC online pet store allows you to buy all your pet supplies instantly and at your own convenience. We offer everything from pet health products, to toys and treats.

No time to go to the pet store, that's okay [Order Online](#) and have your pet supplies delivered to your home.

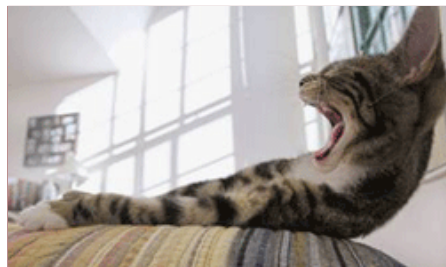
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IDEXX Releases New SNAP Feline Triple Test

Feline heartworm disease can now be diagnosed with one quick snap! IDEXX recently released this new test to help identify the heartworm antigen in cats. This test comes in conjunction with the Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV) & the Feline Leukemia Virus screening. With just three drops of blood, this test delivers results in 10 minutes right in our clinic.

Most people think of heartworm disease as one that only dogs get. In fact, cats are at risk for the disease, too. An infected mosquito will bite your pet & the larvae will grow into immature adults & migrate towards the pulmonary artery. Once the heartworms have developed into mature adults they mate & release microfilaria into the pet's bloodstream, where the next blood-sucking mosquito picks them up & carries the disease to another cat. The most common clinical signs of a cat affected by heartworm disease are coughing & respiratory distress.



According to the American Heartworm Society (AHS), cats typically have fewer and smaller worms than dogs. The life span of heartworms in cats is shorter (approximately two to three years) compared to five to seven years in dogs. However, significant pulmonary damage can still develop in cats without the heartworms fully developing into adults. The AHS also reports that although outdoor cats are at greater risk of being infected, a relatively high percentage of cats considered by their owners to be totally indoor pets also become infected.

Just like in dogs, this heartworm disease can be prevented by using products like Revolution. Revolution is an FDA approved once a month topical medication applied to the back of your cat's neck. Not only does it work to prevent heartworm disease but it also kills fleas, treats ear mites & treats hookworm & roundworm infestation. It can be purchased at our clinic or our [online store](#). Join the Revolution & start protecting your cat today!

Sources: idexx.com, heartwormsociety.org, revolution4cats.com

Pet Foods With Peanut Butter Are Recalled, Too

Due to the current Salmonella Typhmuriium outbreak, some pet foods & treats have recently been added to the recall list. Although some recalls are voluntary, these products are related to the peanut products produced by Peanut Corporation of America & have been taken off shelves until the problem is resolved. The following FOOD brands have been recalled & should be discarded by consumers who have already purchased the products:



- Carolina Prime

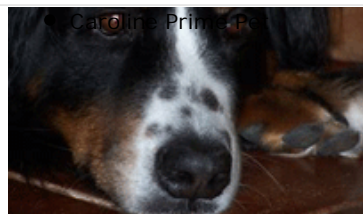
Glastonbury, CT
06033

Office Hours

Monday - Friday:
7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Saturday:
8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

24-hour Large
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- Great Choice
- Happy Tails
- Healthy Hide
- Healthy hide Deli wrap
- Salix
- Shoppers Valu

Continue to stay updated on the recalls by checking the FDA's website: www.fda.gov.



Pet Angels provides animal lovers a direct link to local rescues in Connecticut. Our Pet Lost & Found allows users to search for their lost pet or post a found animal. Visitors can also put up their animals for adoption.

Pet Angels was created by Beckett and Associates Veterinary Services, LLC and is a free service to those looking to adopt or rescue their next – or first – pet.

Visit [Pet Angels](#) to find out more

Be Prepared for an Equine Health Emergency

(compliments of the American Association of Equine Practitioners)

If you own horses long enough, sooner or later you are likely to confront a medical emergency. From lacerations to colic to foaling difficulties, there are many emergencies that a horse owner may encounter. You must know how to recognize serious problems and respond promptly, taking appropriate action while awaiting the arrival of your veterinarian.

Preparation is vital when confronted with a medical emergency. No matter the situation you may face, mentally rehearse the steps you will take to avoid letting panic take control. Follow these guidelines from the American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP) to help you prepare for an equine emergency:

1. Keep your veterinarian's number by each phone, including how the practitioner can be reached after hours.
2. Consult with your regular veterinarian regarding a back up or referring veterinarian's number in case you cannot reach your regular veterinarian quickly enough.
3. Know in advance the most direct route to an equine surgery center in case you need to transport the horse.
4. Post the names and phone numbers of nearby friends and neighbors who can assist you in an emergency while you wait for the veterinarian.
5. Prepare a first aid kit and store it in a clean, dry, readily accessible place. Make sure that family members and other barn users know where the kit is. Also keep a first aid kit in your horse trailer or towing vehicle, and a pared-down version to carry on the trail.

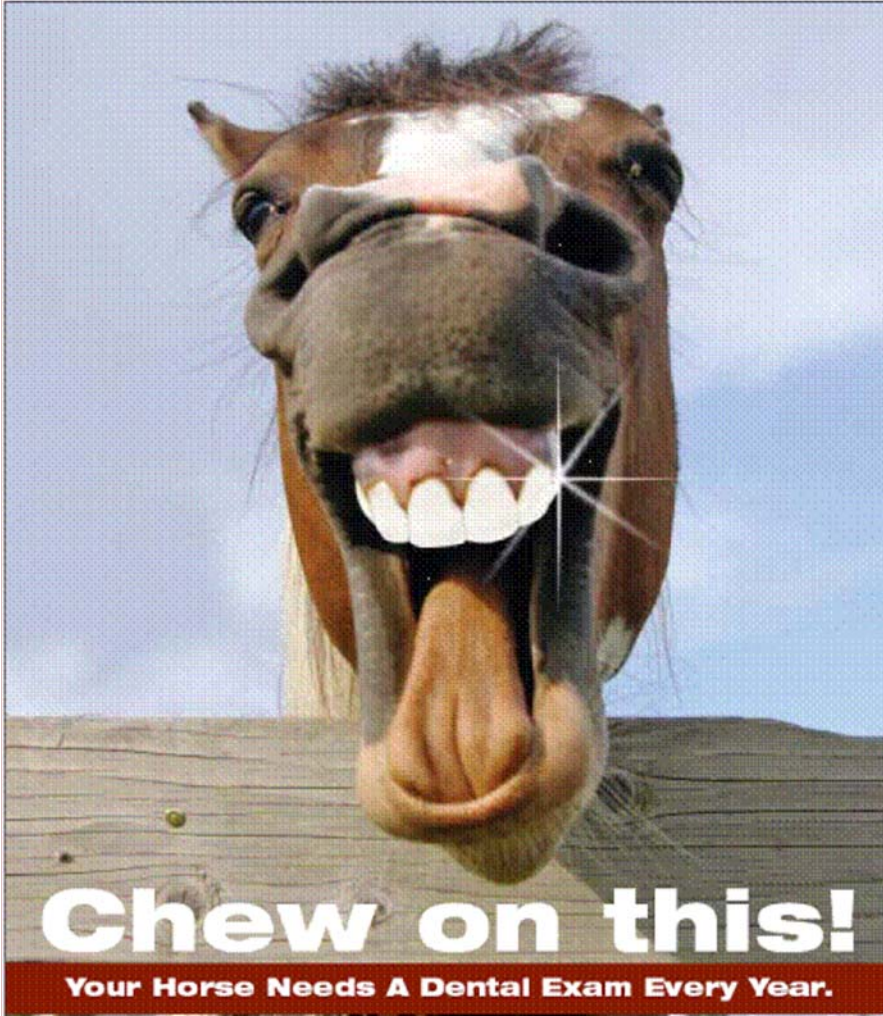
First aid kits can be simple or elaborate. Here is a short list of essential items:



- Cotton roll
- Cling wrap
- Gauze pads, in assorted sizes
- Sharp scissors
- Cup or container
- Rectal thermometer with string and clip attached
- Surgical scrub and antiseptic solution
- Latex gloves
- Saline solution
- Stethoscope
- Clippers

Many accidents can be prevented by taking the time to evaluate your horse's environment and removing potential hazards. Mentally rehearse your emergency action plan. In an emergency, time is critical. Don't be concerned with overreacting or annoying your veterinarian. By acting quickly and promptly, you can minimize the consequences of an injury or illness. For more information about emergency care, ask your equine veterinarian for the "Emergency Care" brochure, provided by the AAEP in partnership with Educational Partner Bayer Animal Health. More information also can be obtained by visiting the AAEP's horse health web site, www.myHorseMatters.com.

The American Association of Equine Practitioners, headquartered in Lexington, Ky., was founded in 1954 as a non-profit organization dedicated to the health and welfare of the horse. Currently, the AAEP reaches more than 5 million horse owners through its over 9,000 members worldwide and is actively involved in ethics issues, practice management, research and continuing education in the equine veterinary profession and horse industry. Visit www.AAEP.org for more.




Chew on this!
Your Horse Needs A Dental Exam Every Year.

All horses deserve a thorough oral health examination at least once a year to ensure good overall health. While most dental problems are easily treated when diagnosed early, neglecting one can lead to other serious health problems for your horse.

Call your equine veterinarian today to schedule your horse's next dental exam.

To learn more about equine dental care, visit www.aaep.org/horseowner



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