

PET PERKS

Fall 2011

CLINIC NEWS...

Check out our new website!

www.kirktonvetclinic.com

We will be updating the site regularly with upcoming events and important news for your pet's health! Please let us know if there is anything you would like to see added.

OPERATION OPEN HOUSE!!

Mark your calendars!! On Saturday, October 29, 2011 the KVC will be opening it's doors to the public! Activities will include:

- Children's play station
- X-ray Xtraordinaire
- Clinic tours
- Equine and Bovine displays
- Petting zoo
- Free food and drinks
- Awesome door prizes!

We will also be hosting a contest for the best pet costume - and taking digital photos! Dress your pet up and win some great prizes!

This is the perfect time of year for all of us at the KVC to wish you and your pets a very happy and safe journey into the fall season! We all know that Halloween - and then Christmas! - will soon be upon us - and with these exciting holidays come a few health and safety concerns for our pets. Here are some things to watch out for:

CANDY - we all know chocolate is bad for dogs - small amounts can cause stomach upset, and large amounts can be toxic. Find a safe storage spot for your candy out of reach and warn children about the dangers of sharing with their pets

COSTUMES - pets in costumes are adorable, but they can also pose a safety hazard. Never leave your pet in a costume unsupervised as they can shift and become uncomfortable, not to mention some pets will actually EAT pieces of their costumes. Pets can also be frightened of Trick-or-Treaters in costume - so be careful and keep your pets away from the front door on Halloween night

CANDLES - lit Jack-O-Lanterns can be a fire hazard for wagging tails, or frightened pets running through the house. Keep these out of your pet's reach to avoid burns

SAFETY - consider using reflective collars/leashes/vests on your dogs if they are out and about on Halloween. No pets should be allowed outside unsupervised, especially black cats. Keep your pets safe and sound inside ☺

Happy Halloween!



**PUPPY CLASSES NOW OFFERED AT THE
KIRKTON AND ST. MARY'S VET CLINICS!!**



This 6 week program is aimed at puppies aged 8-16 weeks. Classes will be starting Wednesday, October 12 at the Kirkton Veterinary Clinic, and Thursday, October 13 at the St. Mary's Veterinary Clinic.

Classes will focus on the following - sit, down, leave it, recall (come), let's go, good manners on a leash, (not heel just yet), socialization with other dogs, puppies and people, desensitization to being handled and having physical exams.

For registration or further information, please contact Stacey at 519-719-4826.

GOING AWAY THIS WINTER??

If you are thinking of planning a getaway this winter and your dog may be visiting a kennel, consider updating their Bordetella (Kennel Cough) vaccine. The vaccine needs approximately 2 weeks to be the most protective, so don't leave it until the last minute - make sure your dog has as good a holiday as you do 😊

**DON'T FORGET YOUR HEARTWORM
MEDS!!**

Now that the warm summer weather has passed us by, it is easy to forget to give our last few heartworm treatments.

Heartworm programs in Ontario are designed to cover our entire mosquito season. Because these little pests are still often around as late into the year as October we need to remember to give our October and November doses to maximize our dog's protection.

Another bonus to giving medications such as Advantage multi, Revolution and Sentinel at this time of year is that they also act as intestinal dewormers. Warm weather means a lot of parasite eggs in our soil at the end of the summer, so your dog will get the most out of their deworming treatments! These medications also treat your dog for fleas - and there are a lot of these around right now!! Using these products will help keep fleas off your pets and out of your house - a bonus for everyone!



**No Tricks
only
Treats**