



Moore Lane Veterinary Hospital

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NEWSLETTER



TIMELY PET HEALTH

It's that time of year again!

Why is Junior-Wellness Awareness Important?

We've all heard the saying: "Every year of a dog's life is equal to seven of a human's."

We need to understand every year our pet's internal organs age seven years worth...but there are preventative measures we can take to help keep them healthy, happy and living a full life.

Junior Wellness means having a *physical exam* and *laboratory work* every year. These exams are about more than just vaccinations. While having your pet properly vaccinated is very important; just as important, is the exam with your veterinarian. They are able to check such things as skin, eyes, abdomen, heart, lungs, ears, ect...all those parts of your pet that can be seen, felt and heard.

In addition to the physical exam, Junior Wellness means having yearly *comprehensive blood work* performed for your pet. This blood work gives the veterinarian the ability to assess those parts of your pet that can't be seen, felt and heard. This blood work checks internal organ function (ie: liver and kidneys) and also a complete blood count (ie: anemia, infection). More than that, though, having regular yearly blood work allows the veterinarian to have a baseline of health for your pet. In the event that he/she becomes ill, it is invaluable to be able to look back and see how his/her health is progressing with time.

Other lab work for the continued health of your pets is having an annual *intestinal parasite test* and *heartworm test*. Heartworm preventative medication not only prevents Heartworm Disease, but it will deworm your pet for intestinal parasites - parasites that are able to be transmitted to yourself and members of your family.

Don't delay a moment longer! Help your veterinarian keep your pets in the best of health with these important preventative measures.

Thank you for trusting us with your pets health. If you know someone who would appreciate the same quality care and service, we are always grateful for referrals.

Summer Care

- Provide plenty of fresh water
 - Avoid midday sun and heat
 - Keep pets well groomed
 - Keep vaccinations current
 - Utilize monthly parasite prevention
 - Avoid toxins like lawn products/pest poisons
 - Don't leave your pets in cars
- Watch for heat stress/stroke - heavy panting, excessive drooling, collapse.

RECIPE

Yogurt Pups

- 16 ounces plain nonfat yogurt
- 3/4 cup water
- 1 Tbs chicken bouillon granules

Dissolve bouillon in water. Combine water and yogurt in blender and blend thoroughly. Pour into small containers for freezing. Cover and freeze.



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