

ACADIA PET NEWS

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To Add To Your Knowledge Of And Pleasure In Your Pets Good Health!
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HOLIDAY TIPS

The holiday season brings good times, good food, and good friends together. A little advanced planning and some simple precautions are sure to make the upcoming seasons safer for your pets - remember many of the foods we eat are not so good for our four legged friends.

Not So Good Holiday Goodies

Chocolate, Coffee, Grapes, Raisins, Yeast or Bread Dough, Macadamia Nuts, Onions, Alcoholic Beverages



Also avoid the left-over temptation - rich and fatty foods can cause indigestion, pancreatitis and even obstruction for our wanting friends.



Our pets are curious about our Holiday decorations - Holiday lights, tinsel, ornaments, batteries, Mistletoe, Christmas cactus and even the preservative filled water in our tree stands become suddenly accessible during the Holiday Season. Think cautiously, your pet does not know any better then to explore and he counts on you for protection.

Colder weather can be hard on our outdoor pets - provide them with good weather protection with a warm doghouse or comfy cat bed located in a dry and safe place. Remember cats often settle on the warm hood of a car or even in the tire wells - when you start your car be sure to go slow and send a warning alert, just in case!

SUCCESS STORIES

"Kitty", a young cat was infested with fleas; the concerned owners treated her with an over the counter flea product designed for cats. After applying the oil to the shoulder area, the cat became disoriented, weak, had difficulty jumping and developed tremors, all signs of **Pyrethrum Toxicity**. The staff at Acadia quickly gave Kitty a cleansing bath, I.V. fluids and various drugs to stop the signs. "Kitty" has fully recovered. * Plan to be around for a few hours after using any new products on your pets in case of adverse reactions.



"Ziggy" had poor vision in one eye due to **Glaucoma**; eventually the eye became sightless and uncomfortable. After removing the eye "Ziggy" has fully recovered. **Glaucoma** in dogs is similar to that in humans, and can often be treated with medication or surgery; however it is not always successful. Early detection by measuring ocular pressure increases success.

Compassionate Care for Cancer in Animals

Today, almost every pet owner has had some experience with cancer, typically negative. Whether the cancer is within their own body or effects their beloved dog or cat, it leaves the person with a sense of powerlessness and fear. Most forms of therapy are perceived as treatments that produce harm rather than good. It is important that you, our clients, overcome some of the preconceived feelings and separate the truth from the myths about cancer.

In veterinary medicine compassionate care for our patients is our primary goal in treating the cancer patient. The **quality of life** during treatment and after is more important than the duration of remission or the potential for cure. Newer methods of pain management, nausea control and appetite enhancement make it possible to have a good and positive experience treating your pets with cancer.

Recent research has shown that those patients having cancer therapy had no increase in vomiting, diarrhea, or loss of appetite during their treatment compared to before their treatment. Most people fear their pet will be miserable if treated and based on this misconception, choose not to treat even some of the most curable forms of cancer.

Studies have shown that dietary management, increasing certain fatty acids, and avoidance of carcinogenic substances like second hand smoke, can prevent some forms of cancer. We at Acadia, work closely with oncology specialists that share our desire for treating compassionately our beloved pets for even this ominous disease. It is our goal to keep you our clients aware of the progress in this area, so that you can make educated wise decisions, based on facts not fear. We are here to help!

THE ACADIA TEAM STAFF NEWS



Our front office reception area is manned by **Holly** and **Karyn** whose smiling faces you are probably used to by now. Holly and her husband Jim just returned from their annual Hawaiian vacation rested with that Hawaiian glow! Karyn was our part time front office Receptionist who is now full-time.



Jane, one of our veterinary technicians has been with us since her student days in 2004, and has recently become a **Registered Veterinary Technician (RVT)** (Congratulations Jane!), will be leaving at the end of this year to attend Cal Poly at Pomona. We will miss her and wish her well in her new endeavor. Taking Jane's place is **Shannon** who started with us this past September. She has a gracious way with the pets and a pleasant smile you will notice when you meet her.

Although she works behind the scenes in the office, another new employee is our Office Manager, **Josie**. Her work is critical to the smooth workings of the entire clinic.

In the name of advancement the *Acadia Team* continues attending educational conferences and seminars. Dr. Jones attended a 2-day conference on the **Advances in Cancer** treatments last month, while Kathy, Jane and Karyn attended a seminar given by the renowned Dr. Edward Feldman of U.C. Davis on the subject of **Polyuria (excessive urinating)** and **Polydypsia (excessive drinking)**. This is not an uncommon sign of **diabetes, kidney disease** or **Cushing disease**. Continuing education allows our staff to be truly helpful to you when you need it most!



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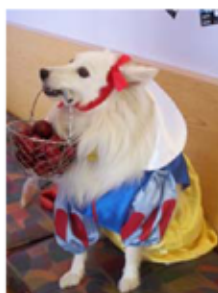


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