

THE PET POST

Quarterly News from All Paws Veterinary Clinic

SPRING EDITION: ALLERGIES

It's that time of year again! Seasonal allergies are one of the most common complaints that we see here at All Paws. While allergies in dogs can be caused by food and/or flea bites, environmental allergies are by far the most common. Allergies are usually first noted in dogs 2 years of age or older, though some may present younger.

If you are noticing any of the signs listed to the right, it may be time for a visit to your veterinarian. While allergies cannot be "cured", the earlier they are diagnosed, the easier it will be to manage them long term. Management may include anti-itch medications or injections, fatty acid supplements, skin support diets, and topical treatments such as shampoos or wipes. In severe cases, scratching can result in secondary skin infections that may need treatment with antibiotics or anti-inflammatory medications. Our doctors can help determine whether allergies may be a cause of your pet's itch and will work with you to develop a treatment plan to bring rapid relief.

SIGNS OF ALLERGIES

- **Chronic itchy ears/ear infections**
- **Licking paws and redness between the toes**
- **Scotting or licking around the tail base**
- **Generalized scratching with no obvious cause (don't forget your flea prevention!)**
- **Redness around the eyes and muzzle**
- **Scabs or sores, most often noted on the belly**



PARASITE PREVENTION

As we move into warmer weather, parasite prevention becomes more important than ever. Mosquitos (which transmit heartworms), ticks, fleas, and intestinal parasites are all around in our area. Many of these parasites can cause significant disease in pets, and some can even be transmitted to humans. In addition to annual heartworm and fecal testing, monthly year-round prevention is recommended for all our furry friends. Luckily, All Paws has two great options to keep our fur babies protected! For dogs, Simparica Trio is a monthly chewable that prevents fleas, 5 types of ticks, heartworms, roundworms, and hookworms. Revolution Plus is a monthly topical for kitties that kills fleas and ticks, prevents heartworm disease, and treats and controls ear mites, roundworms, and hookworms. Please reach out to the staff at All Paws for more information on these awesome preventatives!



FOOD SHIPPED TO YOUR DOOR

Did you know there is a convenient way to get your pet's food shipped directly to your home? Customers of Hill's or Purina ProPlan can sign up through our clinic and get their food shipped for free! This applies to both prescription and regular diets and both platforms offer automatic shipping options so you can set it and forget it.



Both brands come highly recommended by our veterinarians, so whether you are a current customer or looking to make a switch, contact our staff today to learn how to get started!



NEW AT ALL PAWS

COVID-19 UPDATES

All Paws is continuing curbside service only as we continue to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic. We are constantly reevaluating our procedures and will keep clients updated as changes occur. In the meantime, for those that prefer to witness the exam and speak with the doctor face-to-face, we offer virtual visits through our PetDesk app! Notify the staff prior to your appointment if you would like to take advantage of this service and we can get you all set up for your virtual visit!

ANIMAL HOUSE SHELTER

All Paws is proud to announce that we will now be partnering with Animal House, a local no-kill shelter. We will be providing spaying and neutering services, as well as medical care, to homeless pets to prepare them to go to their forever homes. This is a great opportunity to give back to our community and improve outreach to help find homes for these wonderful dogs and cats!

ONLINE PHARMACIES

We understand that online pharmacies such as Chewy offer competitive pricing and convenient shipping options. While we will continue to honor prescription requests from such companies, we want to make sure that clients are educated about some of the risks. These pharmacies often purchase their medications through third parties that do not have the stringent regulations that a hospital supplier must undergo. This runs a risk of purchasing expired, counterfeit, or recalled products. There is also no guarantee that the medications are stored and shipped under appropriate conditions. Finally, many products (such as heartworm preventatives) offer to cover the cost of medical treatment should a pet on one of these medications contract the disease they are labelled to prevent. These guarantees are void on products purchased through online pharmacies. To ensure that our clients are aware of the risks they are taking, we will now require a signed waiver for each prescription medication or food filled through an online pharmacy. This waiver can be accessed on our website and must be given to us before a doctor will approve any prescription requests. We thank you for your understanding.

