



### Send Us Your Questions!!!

We will be happy to answer them and possibly place them in our next newsletter! Just email your questions to [s.larson@centralvet.net](mailto:s.larson@centralvet.net) and we will get right back to you!

Thank you for being our client!!!

### Upcoming Events

- **SEPTEMBER IS CUSTOMER APPRECIATION MONTH**  
Stop by the "Spin the Wheel" for various prizes & discounts!
- **SIU HOMECOMING; OCTOBER 9, 2010**  
Tailgate Party 11am-2pm Walker's Bluff Saluki Row  
Hot Dogs, Refreshments, & Prizes
- **12 BUSINESS DAYS OF CHRISTMAS SALE**  
December 9<sup>th</sup> – December 24<sup>th</sup> TBA in Winter Newsletter

### **ASK THE GROOMER.....**

#### Why should I groom my pet?

Well groomed animals often are healthier and feel better. Starting in March, we start to fill up with dogs and cats with greasy, matted, unclean ears and eyes. Some come in limping from toenails that are too long and have curled into the paw pads. Skin conditions are hidden in a dirty matted coat as well as fleas and ticks. Typically, after a grooming session, owners will notice a new spark of life in their pet!

#### What are anal sacs?

Anal sacs (also called "anal glands") are two small glands just inside your pet's anus. They are used as scent glands and can be expressed voluntarily or in times of excitement or stress. Voluntary expression usually happens after a bowel movement. Involuntary expression happens during stress (like a skunk for self-defense). The secretion is typically foul smelling.

Some animals have lost their ability to express them voluntarily and these sacs can become impacted and very uncomfortable. Sometimes dogs with impacted sacs will scoot or lick their rear. Cats will often lick their fur off just under their tails. Anal sac expression is easy for a trained groomer and is included in the grooming price.



# Paw Prints

## 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Pet Health Festival & Kid's Day Sponsored by Frontline/Heartgard & Comfortis

# Summer 2010

### Saturday, July 17, 2010 8 am – 12 pm

### Pet Activities

- \$5 Nail Trim
- \$5 Bath-n-Go
- \$5 Frontline Spray
- \$10 Rabies Vaccine
- \$15 FVRCP Cat Vaccines
- \$15 Heartworm/Lyme/Ehrlichia Test
- \$15 Bordetella Vaccine
- \$20 DHLPP-CV Dog Vaccines
- \$30 Microchips

*Purchase a Heartworm Test and Receive 1-Month Supply of Heartworm Prevention!!*

- \$5 - \$10 Savings on Heartgard
- 2-Free Doses on 6-month Purchases of Frontline & Comfortis

### Kid's Day Activities

- Lemonade & Treats
- Face Painting
- Balloons
- Horse Rides
- Inflatable Jumpers
- Games, Prizes, & Giveaways!!!

## Herrin Hospital Front Lawn

**Hot Dogs,  
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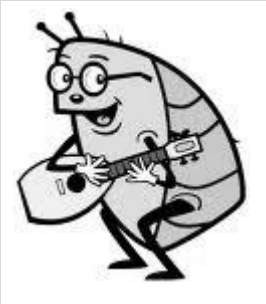
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## Got Fleas?

Are fleas still a problem even when treating all of your pets? You may still need to treat your environment.

Knock out your flea problem with our area treatments and foggers.

Knockout Treatment will kill **all life cycles of the flea for up to seven months**. Other brands will only kill the adult fleas leaving a new infestation to hatch! Knockout also works great on ticks!!

Stop by or call any of our three locations for information on these great products.

**Limited Offer!!**  
Buy 2 Knockout Treatments and Receive

**10% off**

With this coupon!!  
Expires 8/31/10



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Has your cat abandoned its litter box? “Inappropriate elimination” is one of the main reasons why cats are surrendered to the shelter. If your feline suddenly displays a change in litter box habits, it’s important to take her to your veterinarian as soon as possible – some of the problems that cause this behavior are true medical emergencies.

Urination can become very painful due to crystals forming in the urine, which in turn causes inflammation or obstruction of the urinary tract. When urine cannot be passed, the bladder soon fills up to capacity & may rupture releasing the contents into the abdominal cavity. The cat can then die from shock and peritonitis. Blockage is more common in male cats, as the urethra is narrower than a female.

The underlying causes of FLUTD are varied, but they include:

- Urinary Tract Infection
- Incontinence
- Idiopathic (Unknown cause)
- Urinary Stones or crystals
- Cancer
- Trauma
- Urethral Blockage

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## The Scoop on FLUTD

(Feline Lower Urinary Tract Disease)

### What Can I Do To Prevent Future Occurrences?

1. Feed small meals on a frequent basis.
2. Provide fresh, clean water at all times.
3. Provide an adequate number of litter boxes.
4. Keep litter boxes in quiet, safe areas of the house.
5. Keep litter boxes clean.
6. Minimize major changes in routine.
7. Feed diets that promote the formation of urine that is acidic.

Cats with FLUTD usually show signs of pain when urinating, increased frequency of urination, & blood in the urine. They will lick their genital area excessively & sometimes urinate outside of the litter box. If your pet exhibits any of these signs, please contact us for more information.

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## Could Your Pet Be Diabetic?

Diabetes mellitus (DM) is a condition resulting from the failure of the pancreas to regulate blood sugar. Type I, or Insulin Dependent DM, is the most common form, especially in middle aged, overweight animals. The primary cause is from destruction of the insulin forming Beta cells in the pancreas.

DM can be treated by making dietary changes and insulin administration. Several types of insulin are available. Vetsulin has recently been successfully used to treat many cases. However, due to improvements to the drug being made by the manufacturer and pending FDA approval, the product is currently unavailable. Fortunately, DM patients can be regulated with other types of insulin, pending a case by case basis.

### The four classical signs of Diabetes Mellitus are:

- Weight loss
- Increased water consumption
- Increase appetite
- Increased urination

DM left untreated can cause cataracts and progress into a life threatening condition. Simple blood or urine tests are useful diagnostic tools. Call the office today for an appointment if your pet is exhibiting any of the above signs.

## Online Pet Portals

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Pet Portals are secure, private health websites that give you direct access to manage your pet’s health 24/7. We’re happy to provide Pet Portals free of charge to all clients who have an active email address.

### What Can I Do With My Pet Portal?

- View pet information
- Request appointments
- Receive important medical alerts & clinic specials



- Post photos of your pet
- Order prescription refills
- Create & print instructions for pet sitters or kennel staff
- Access reliable info on pet health
- Print proof of vaccines for boarding
- Request email reminders about when to give pet’s medications
- Shop our online store

It’s simple! Go to our website & select Pet Portal Login then “Create New Account”. See you online!

## Spotlight Products

### Optix Care

Optix Care are wipes that contain a solution of mild cleansers which gently soothes and cleans the eye surroundings by dissolving dry matter that collects in the eye fur.

Dr. Portee highly recommends this product for dogs or cats that might have excessive drainage from the eye and uses the wipes daily on her dogs as well. Please feel free to contact any of our offices for further information! ☺

### Animal Odor Eliminator (A.O.E.)

This product **eliminates**, not masks unpleasant companion animal odors, such as tomcat spray, urine, and anal gland secretions. It is a safe, nontoxic, non-irritating, biodegradable spray that can be used on bedding, cages, litter boxes, and accident areas. It can also be used as an air freshener for temporary relief!

### FUN FACT:

Are you potty training a young child? This product has been tried & tested by several employees for cleaning bathroom areas or car seats as well!!

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