



Welcome to the June edition of the Watertown Animal Hospital monthly newsletter!

Summer is officially here, and we are excited to share new ways we can support your pet's health and comfort during these warmer months. Inside this edition, you will find information on our expanded services and essential tips for outdoor adventures.

- **New Technician-Led Services:** We are expanding our LVT appointments to include booster vaccines, ear cleanings, and more to provide faster care for routine needs.
- **Weekly Bath & Hygiene Appointments:** Our VTAs now lead a Wednesday drop-off service including a bath, nail trim, anal glands (as needed), and ear cleaning.
- **Summer Safety & Wildlife Encounters:** Expert advice on protecting your pets from hot pavement, dehydration, porcupine quills, and skunk sprays.

Our mission is to provide compassionate care for the pets you love, ensuring they thrive throughout the summer season. We hope you find this issue helpful and informative!



NEW SERVICE: Weekly Bath & Hygiene Appointments

We are thrilled to introduce our all-in-one Bath & Basic Hygiene Service, focused on your pet's cleanliness and comfort. This VTA-led service is now booking on Wednesdays with drop-off between 8:00–8:30 AM and pickup at 5:00 PM. For \$65-\$85 per visit (estimated for one small and/ or one large dog), this service includes a bath, nail trim, anal gland expression, and ear cleaning. Pets must be comfortable at the vet and up to date on Rabies and Distemper vaccines.

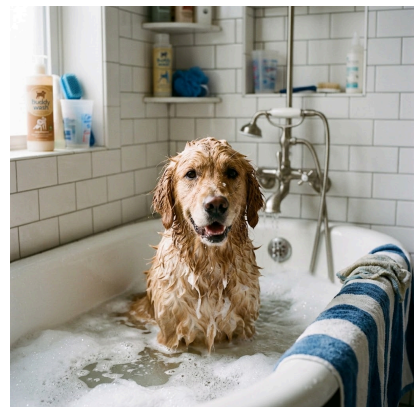
Expanded Technician Appointments Now Available!

Our Licensed Veterinary Technicians (LVTs) are now available for expanded appointment types to make routine care more convenient. Provided your pet is current on their annual exam, you can book technician appointments for ear cleanings, toe nail trims, anal gland expressions, and routine maintenance bloodwork. Additionally, LVTs can now administer booster vaccines for eligible patients who have seen a doctor within the last 2 months.

Porcupine Quills & Skunk Encounters

Summer walks and hiking often lead to unexpected wildlife encounters. If your pet is quilled by a porcupine, do not attempt to pull them out yourself, as they have microscopic barbs that can cause them to migrate deeper into the body; seek immediate veterinary care.

For skunk encounters, keep your pet outdoors to prevent the oils and smell from entering your home, and use a mixture of 1 quart hydrogen peroxide, 1/4 cup baking soda, and 1 teaspoon liquid dish soap for a powerful odor-neutralizing bath. If the spray gets into your pets eyes - please rinse immediately and contact your veterinarian.



Summer Necessities: Beach, Hiking, & Hot Weather

As temperatures rise, proactive preparation is essential for your pet's safety outdoors. Whether you are at the beach or on a long hike, remember these critical summer safety rules:

The 7-Second Pavement Rule

Hot pavement can quickly burn sensitive paw pads. If you can't hold the back of your hand on the pavement for seven seconds, it is too hot for a walk. Opt for grassy or dirt paths and walk during cooler times of the day.

Hydration & Fresh Water

Dehydration can set in quickly during extended activity. Offer fresh water every 15-20 minutes. Watch for signs of dehydration such as thick saliva, lethargy, or dry, sticky gums.

Heat Stroke Awareness

Heat stroke is a life-threatening emergency. Recognize signs like excessive, labored panting, bright red gums, staggering, or collapse. If suspected, move your pet to a shaded area and cool them with cool (not ice-cold) water immediately before seeking emergency veterinary care. Always ensure your pet is currently on flea, tick, and heartworm preventatives, as ticks become active as soon as ground temperatures rise above freezing. Call us today to book your next appointment!



🎉 Current Promotions 🎉

- Buy one Aloe & Oatmeal Shampoo — get a FREE conditioner!
 - Buy ONE bag of VeggieDent Chews - Get a \$10 rebate!
 - Buy ONE bottle of Aquadent Dental Solution - Get \$5 rebate!
- Buy 1 Dose of Bravecto® Chewable for pets under 18 months of age, Get \$20 Instant Rebate
- Bravecto® 1-Month for pets under 6 months of age, Get \$10 Instant Rebate (Great for our puppies! \$10 EACH dose up to 1 dose / month for 3 months)
 - Buy 12 Doses of Sentinel® Brand Products, Get \$20 Instant Rebate
 - Buy 6 Doses of Sentinel® Brand Products, Get \$5 Instant Rebate
 - Buy 4 Doses of Bravecto® Brand Products, Get \$45 Instant Rebate
 - Buy 2 Doses of Bravecto® Brand Products, Get \$20 Instant Rebate
- Buy 2 Doses of Bravecto® and 6 Doses of Sentinel® Brand Products, Get \$40 Instant Rebate
- Buy 4 Doses of Bravecto® and 12 Doses of Sentinel® Brand Products, Get \$100 Instant Rebate
 - Buy 12 doses of HEARTGARD® Plus (ivermectin/pyrantel), get a \$15 instant rebate
 - Buy 12 doses of NexGard® COMBO (feline) and get a \$50 instant rebate.
 - Get a \$10 rebate with your first purchase of a Thunderease or Feliway product!



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Monday–Friday: 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Saturday: 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Closed Sundays

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