



Watertown Animal Hospital's Newsletter

Our newsletter features:

- **Practice Updates:** Find out about new services, equipment additions, and meet the newest members of our dedicated staff.
- **Pet Health Tips & Helpful Information:** Receive expert guidance on general wellness, seasonal concerns, preventative care, and nutrition to ensure your pets are thriving.
- **Special Offers & Current Promotions:** Get all the details on our latest discounts for products, services, and seasonal packages.

Spring Is Almost Here — Let's Keep Your Pets Safe!

As we move into March and start looking forward to warmer weather, it's also an important time to talk about something that affects pets year-round: household toxins. March is Pet Poison Prevention Month, and we want to help you stay informed and prepared.



March is Pet Poison Prevention Month

Many common items in our homes can pose serious risks to pets — especially during spring cleaning season and upcoming holidays.

Here are the most common spring hazards we see in Northern New York:

Lilies & Early Spring Plants

Lilies are extremely toxic to cats. Even small exposures — such as pollen on fur — can cause acute kidney failure. If you have cats, it's safest to avoid lilies entirely.

Chocolate & Xylitol (Sugar-Free Products)

Chocolate remains one of the most common toxins in dogs. Even more dangerous is xylitol, found in sugar-free gum, candy, baked goods, and some peanut butters. Xylitol can cause life-threatening drops in blood sugar and liver failure.

Spring Cleaning Supplies

Bleach, disinfectants, and essential oil-based cleaners can irritate or burn your pet's skin and gastrointestinal tract. Always store products securely and allow surfaces to fully dry before letting pets back into cleaned areas.

Fatty Foods & Table Scraps

Holiday meals and leftovers can lead to pancreatitis, especially in dogs. Rich foods, bones, and greasy scraps should always be avoided.

Rodenticides

As snow melts, rodent activity increases — and so does the use of rodent bait. These products can cause internal bleeding, neurological issues, or kidney failure depending on the type.

If you suspect your pet has ingested something toxic, do not wait for symptoms to appear. Contact us immediately at 315-788-1711 or call ASPCA Animal Poison Control at (888) 426-4435.

Early intervention can make all the difference.

Behind the Scenes with Our Licensed Veterinary Technicians

Have you ever wondered what happens behind the exam room door?

Our Licensed Veterinary Technicians (LVTs) are highly trained medical professionals who play a critical role in your pet's care every single day.

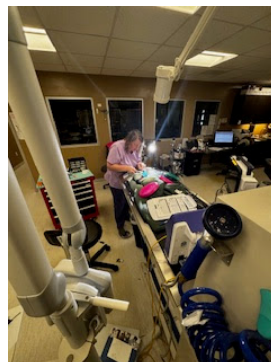
A "day in the life" of an LVT may include:

- Performing in-house laboratory diagnostics
- Monitoring anesthesia during surgical procedures
- Placing IV catheters and administering medications
- Taking diagnostic radiographs
- Running bloodwork on our state-of-the-art in-house analyzers
- Providing nursing care to hospitalized patients
- Educating clients on medications, nutrition, and preventative care

When your pet has blood drawn, receives anesthesia, or is recovering from surgery, an LVT is carefully monitoring them — checking vital signs, adjusting anesthesia levels, and ensuring comfort and safety throughout their stay.

Our team is committed to compassionate, detail-oriented care, and we are proud to have Licensed Veterinary Technicians who are dedicated to both medical excellence and patient comfort.

If you ever have questions about your pet's treatment plan, medications, or follow-up care, our LVT team is here to help.



Microchipping & Safety Reminder

Spring is also a time when pets are more likely to escape as doors open more frequently and outdoor time increases. Microchipping greatly increases the chances of a safe reunion should your pet become lost.

Our Licensed Veterinary Technicians are available for:

- Microchipping
- Toe nail trims
- Anal gland expressions
- Annual monitoring blood work

Call us to schedule a technician appointment if your pet is current on their annual exam.



Spring Parasite Prevention Reminder

Even though temperatures may still feel cool, ticks become active as soon as the snow melts and ground temperatures rise above freezing.

In Northern New York, tick exposure can begin earlier than many pet owners expect.

We strongly recommend:

- Keeping dogs on year-round flea and tick prevention (**see current promotions below**)
- Maintaining consistent heartworm prevention
- Scheduling annual heartworm testing as recommended
- Checking pets for ticks after outdoor activity

Parasites are not just a nuisance — they can transmit serious diseases such as Lyme disease, Anaplasmosis, Ehrlichiosis, and heartworm disease.

Preventative medication is far safer, easier, and more cost-effective than treating tick-borne illness.

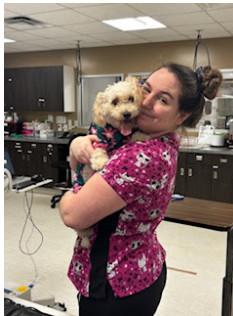
If you are unsure whether your pet is up to date on prevention, please give us a call — we are happy to review your pet's history.

Current Promotions

- Buy one Aloe & Oatmeal Shampoo — get a FREE conditioner!
- 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
- 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.

Ask our front desk for details. Promotions valid while supplies last.

Happy Pets at Watertown Animal Hospital



Ready to Schedule?

Exams • Vaccinations • Dentistry • General Surgery • Diagnostic Imaging • Parasite Prevention • Boarding • In-House Lab Diagnostics • Large Animal Services

Call us at 315-788-1711 or visit www.watertownpetcare.com to book an appointment.

**Watertown Animal Hospital
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Hours

Monday–Friday: 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Saturday: 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Closed Sundays

Watertown Animal Hospital — Compassionate care for the pets you love!

