

Paw Pad



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TIPS FOR FINDING THE FAMILY "FIDO"

Holidays are often times when families decide to share their homes with a new puppy or dog. Sometimes these decisions are made too impulsively, without regard to the many factors to be taken into consideration.

Remember, this new family member is a big commitment and will be a long-term responsibility. Here are some considerations to be mindful of when making this big decision.

- Puppy vs Adult
- Large vs Small Breed
- Ages of Family Members
- Indoor vs Outdoor Living
- Family Lifestyle-Activities/Travel
- Grooming/Maintenance Costs
- Degree of Exercise/Mental Stimulation Needed for Breed
- House vs Apartment
- Degree of Shedding
- Breed Temperament
- Long-coated vs Short-Coated
- Purebred vs Mixed Breed
- Cost of Adoption/Purchase
- Working dog vs Pet
- Cost for Spay/Neuter
- Walks vs Yard
- Cost of Vaccines/Medications



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Tips for Choosing a Groomer

With holiday visitors and parties just around the corner, you'll want to make your pup look his best! Here are some tips on how to find a quality groomer.

- Ask for recommendations from family, friends, veterinarians or co-workers that have a well-groomed dog.
- Call and ask questions about costs, methods, and styles. Be sure to ask about groomer qualifications. Groomers do NOT have to be licensed; however, most are certified.
- Ask about length of stay. Will they keep your pet for a few hours? Start to finish? Is the time frame a half day or whole day?
- Meet the groomer. A short visit with select questions should help you understand to whom you will be entrusting your pet.
- And for the rowdy pet—ask how bad behavior is addressed. Make sure they do not practice use of medical sedatives, as this can be unsafe.
- If you are having your cat groomed, make sure the salon has separate holding areas for cats. Cats need a stress-free environment.





NEW EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Lex, Sam and Mercede



Dr. Hope Colman



Stephanie and Karryn



Alisa and B.J.



A special thank you to everyone who generously donated funds that made it possible for our Winslow Animal Hospital team to participate in the MS 150 City to Shore Bike Tour. This opportunity allowed us to raise money and awareness for the fight against the devastating disease Multiple Sclerosis.

Special Thanks to our team: Drs Coudrai, Hinze and Chachkes, as well as to Red Bank Veterinary Hospital, in Cherry Hill, for their overwhelming support.

Upcoming Events

Sat. Dec. 7th
Photos with Santa
 1:00– 4:00pm



Our October 4th Blessing of the Pets event was a great success! We enjoyed delicious refreshments, wine and cheese, meeting fellow pet-parents, and most of all, showing love for our animals. Visit the site below for pictures:

<http://winslowanimalhospital.com/pet-blessing-2013/>

“Martha” the Happy Hallo-weenie



Mission Statement

“The doctors and staff of Winslow Animal Hospital will act as pet advocates by caring for your pets as if they were our own. We will strive to extend and enhance the quality and duration of their lives by delivering high quality and cutting edge medical, surgical, and dental services in a friendly and compassionate environment. It is of great importance that we show respect for our clients, our co-workers, and most of all, the pets to whom we provide care.”

“Holly” and “Ivy” visit Santa.





UPDATE

Dr. Hinze has successfully completed her Certification from The Chi Institute of Chinese Veterinary Medicine. Congratulations, Amy!!!



Dr. Amy Hinze is now certified in acupuncture through The Chi Institute of Chinese Veterinary Medicine in Florida. She continues studies towards certification as a Veterinary Chinese Herbalist. She is a member of the AAVA, IVAS, AATCVM, VBMA, SJVMA, and AAHA. The integration of Eastern and Western medicine has been extremely beneficial to the quality of life for many of her patients at Winslow Animal Hospital.

Acupuncture is the ancient technique of placing very small gauge needles into special points on the body called acupoints.



Dr. Hinze performing acupuncture on "Cole".

Research has shown that stimulation of these points will induce the release of endorphins, causing changes in blood and lymph flow, conduction of nerve impulses, and will affect the flow of Qi ("Chee") or life force energy in the body.

Acupuncture is commonly used to improve pain control in patients suffering from degenerative joint disease or arthritis. Acupuncture can also be used to improve neurological function, regulate GI tract, stimulate appetite, treat skin conditions, treat vertebral disc disease and aid in the management of behavior disorders.

Lyme Disease Revisited

Many of us are familiar with the notorious tick-borne illness called Lyme Disease. Many of us think of Lyme Disease as a warm-weather culprit, but at Winslow Animal Hospital, we see a rise in tick-borne disease cases in the Fall. Did you know that these types of ticks are more active in the cooler weather of spring and fall rather than the heat of the summer?

Transmitters of Lyme disease must be attached to the skin for 36-48 hours, or more, before the Lyme disease bacterium is transmitted to its host, according to

the Center for Disease Control. This is a very important factor in the war against ticks! *Timely removal and prevention* are your *best* tools in keeping your pet healthy and happy.

Use tick preventatives, many of which also protect against fleas, until the weather gets cold and **stays** cold. Lyme disease symptoms include, but are not limited to, joint swelling, lameness, lethargy, pain, decreased appetite and although rare, kidney and heart damage. Call or visit for more information on preventative medications.

Top 5 signs your dog has been Accessing your Facebook Account

5. Every friend request includes a canine profile pic.
4. Excessive Page "Likes" involve contests to win Free Treats for Life.
3. Groups you are invited to join involve anti-cat propaganda and every event includes a charity walk.
2. Inbox bursting with coupons and free nights at Pet-Friendly hotels and restaurants.

#1. Sudden onset of Carpel-Paw syndrome!!!



LOL



Veterinarians Share the Questions They Wish Pet Owners Would Ask

Doctors field many kinds of questions. Some are bizarre, some curious and some that make us think twice about the old adage, "there are no silly questions!" But, here at Winslow Animal Hospital, we welcome questions. It shows care and concern. In fact, our doctors want to share with *you* some questions *they wish pet owners would ask!*



What is my pet's ideal weight?



Pet owners have been known to become defensive when the doctor alerts them to the fact that their pet is overweight. Just like humans, every pet has an ideal weight that is best for good health and prevention of weight-related diseases.



What breed do you think would be best for me ?

This question is best asked before acquiring a pet. This opens conversation for the doctor to discuss what factors should be considered when choosing a breed for an ideal fit into your particular setting, family and economic status.



Could you please repeat that? I don't understand.

The desire of our veterinarians is to insure that you are well-informed and have an understanding concerning diagnoses, disease, medication and dosing, recommended testing and procedures. Ask for written instruction if needed; they don't mind! Especially important is to inform the veterinarian if you will be unable to dose medication as prescribed. It is often possible to alter medications to maintain effectiveness and work within the client's abilities. Also, pre-planned and organized questions are most welcome.



What kind of dental care does my pet need?

When it comes to dental care, most clients would rather skip that conversation. Regular dental care can save money by avoiding expensive dental procedures, avoid other dental-related health issues, avoid tooth loss, and control halitosis (stinky breath!).



Could you let me know the cost of your recommendations?

Cost estimates can be provided for any type of visit, surgery or procedure. Asking for costs of treatments, vaccines or medications will avoid any surprises! We understand that sometimes economic considerations need to be respected.



VACCINES...Are your pets up to date???

(The following schedules DO NOT apply for puppies and kittens)

Canine-Adult

Recommended vaccines

- Distemper combo (DHP-P) Every 3 yrs.
- Leptospirosis Yearly-Can be combined when DHP-P due
- Rabies Every 3 years **
- Bordetella (Canine Cough) Yearly ***
- Lyme Yearly
- Canine Influenza (CIV) Yearly (Lifestyle-based)



** Schedule can change if bitten by another animal. Township states must be valid for entire third year
*** Boarding Kennels/ Groomers/Trainers often require

Feline -Adult

Recommended vaccines

- Distemper combo (FVRCP) Every 3 years
- Rabies Yearly **
- Feline Leukemia Yearly

** Three -year rabies vaccine is available but can cause tumors at injection site. Recommended only for difficult to handle or capture cats

