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Your Community Veterinary Clinic



SILVER MAPLE VETERINARY CLINIC

Summer is leaving...but, the fleas and ticks are staying...on your pet!

Fall is just around the corner....and, that means that fleas and ticks are more likely to be on your pet...and in your home.

The hot days of summer are almost behind us, but that doesn't mean you can let down your guard and forget about flea and tick protection. Fall is still flea and tick season in most areas. Since fleas thrive in temperatures around 70 degrees, September is often the worst month for flea problems. Ticks populate in piles of fallen leaves. Though many pet owners think these parasites are primarily a warm weather problem, flea and tick protection is essential



this time of year. Fleas live all year long in warm southern climates. They can also live year round in a warm house.

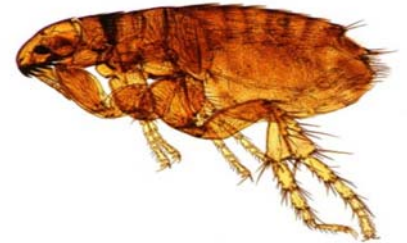
You know how much one small insect bite can itch. Imagine not one but 10, 20, 50 or more bites at one time. While living and feeding on your pet, a single flea can lay hundreds of eggs. Besides itching and discomfort, flea bites can cause serious skin irri-

tation. Some animals will develop an allergy to flea saliva. Pets with flea allergic dermatitis will suffer intense itching and aggravation from even a single flea bite. Vigorous scratching will cause hair loss and the formation of scabs, leading to bacterial skin infection.

Dogs and cats can become infected

with tapeworms after having fleas. When an animal has tapeworms, worm segments are often seen in the stool and on the skin and hair around the infected animal's anal region. When the segments dry, they release hundreds of eggs. Flea larvae on the stool or on the animal ingest these eggs. New tapeworm larvae develop in the flea larvae. When an animal ingests infected fleas while grooming, a tapeworm develops in that animal's intestine. To successfully eliminate tapeworms, every dog and cat in the house should be treated and fleas must be completely eliminated.

Frequent scratching and tiny reddish-brown specs on your pet's skin, (flea excrement), are telltale signs that



Yep...this is what's on your pet and in your house.

fleas are present even if you don't find the actual fleas. A flea comb is also a useful tool for finding fleas.

We have a variety of options available to you for the treatment of a flea and/or tick infestation. Ask us and we'll recommend the appropriate product depending upon your specific situation.



And for the month of September ONLY, we're offering a 10% DISCOUNT on all flea and tick products!!

Check out what's new at the Silver Maple Boarding Kennel!

Recently we have made the decision to “revamp”, if you will, our boarding facility. We understand that different dogs enjoy different types of activities. We hope that this change will allow you to have more say in what type of activities your dog will receive while visiting with us in our kennel. Below you will find a list of our new and improved changes.

Fees: Our boarding fee is now \$20.00 per day on week days and weekends. This fee includes 2 short walks, access to our indoor and outdoor runs and one treat per day. Holiday rates do apply. Please ask the kennel manager for pricing.

Exercise Programs: We now have a multitude of exercise programs available for your dog. Each plan consists of at least 15 minutes of one-on-one time. The fee is \$6.00 per dog; \$10.00 for 2 dogs. Below you will find a list of the different exercise plans we offer.

- ◆ *Bubble Time – Your dog will enjoy time in the play area with one of our kennel associates chasing and catching flavored bubbles.* 
- ◆ *Play Ball – Great exercise! Your dog can run off some of that energy he or she has while playing ball in the yard.*
- ◆ *Fetch Races – Who can get the Frisbee first? Your dog will get plenty of exercise racing our kennel staff to the Frisbee.* 
 - ◆ *Extra Walk Time– For dogs that love walks!*
- ◆ *Free Choice Indoor – If your dog prefers to play indoors we have an array of toys he can choose from to play with in his run.*

You know your dog best! If you have any special requests, we would love to hear them!

Need anything else? We understand that with the hustle and bustle of life making multiple trips to the vet can be inconvenient. We now have a list of services we are offering while your dog is boarding. Ask any Silver Maple staff member for details.

Calendar of Events	
PA Energy Festival, Kempton, PA	September 18–20, 2009
Spay Neuter Clinic	Oct 2009.-Jan 2010
Uncle Ralph's Cookie Sale	Oct.-Nov. 2009
February Dental Awareness	February 2010

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