

Tips to Keep You "In the Know" . . . So, Let It Snow Let It Snow Let It Snow!!!

Silver Maple Veterinary Clinic

POTENTIALLY HARMFUL FOODS

- Alcoholic beverages
- Avocado
- Chocolate (baker's, semi-sweet, milk chocolate)
- Coffee (grounds, beans, chocolate covered espresso beans)
- Fatty foods
- Garlic and garlic powder
- Grapes and raisins
- Hops (used in home brewing)
- Macadamia nuts
- Moldy or spoiled foods
- Onions and onion powder
- Salt
- Yeast dough

HAZARDS OF THE SEASON

As cold weather approaches, the opportunity for additional seasonal hazards increases, as well. Some of these include: antifreeze, batteries, ice melts, liquid potpourris, medications and rodenticides.

As little as one tablespoon of 50% diluted antifreeze can be lethal to a 10 lb. cat. Even suspected exposures to antifreeze warrant immediate veterinary care.

Batteries for all the new toys that were under the tree may be a foreign body risk and cause GI corrosion.

Ice melts are dermal and GI irritants, and ingestion of these products may cause salt toxicosis. Therefore, pet owners should store ice melts out of

reach and wipe off their pets' paws after they have been outdoors.

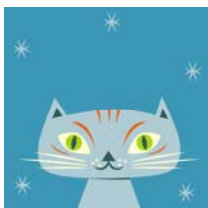
Liquid potpourris provide wonderful aromas but may contain very irritating cationic detergents and essential oils. Oral exposure to liquid potpourris may cause oral, pharyngeal, and esophageal ulceration. Dermal exposure may cause significant irritation and potentially lead to oral exposure when an animal grooms itself.

Because winter is the season for colds and influenza, you and your family may have more medications in their homes. These medications should be kept out of reach of pets, preferably in closed cabinets.

Rodenticides are frequently put out during cold weather months to prevent rodents from establishing residence indoors and in garages. These products can be extremely dangerous to pets if ingested. Exposure to anticoagulant rodenticides generally cause signs of hemorrhage 3 to 5 days later. Rodenticides containing the neurotoxin bromethalin can cause neurologic signs within hours of exposure, but signs may be delayed for a week or more when low doses of bromethalin are ingested. Rodenticides containing cholecalciferol (Vitamin D) cause elevations of serum calcium and phosphorus. Signs progressing to renal failure generally begin with 12 hours of exposure.

THE BAVER'S

Bob and Diane Baver have been clients of ours for 20+ years...and are truly wonderful people. Over the years, they have rescued and given homes to so many cats. It's difficult to fathom the amount of work and money that has gone into this endeavor. They make sure the cats are spayed or neutered, are vaccinated



and are well fed. They are selfless in their commitment to the animals they have found and to those who have found them. Thank you Bob and Diane for being a part of Silver Maple for all these many years and THANK YOU for the delicious treats you give us every Christmas!!

Upcoming Events to Put on Your Calendar

- February—Dental Month (details on the back).
- April—Annual Rabies Clinic
- May—Parasite Awareness Month

Thank you to all who have contributed so generously to "The Mooch Memorial Fund" in 2008. Your donations have helped many well-loved pets and your kindness is appreciated by everyone!

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Your Community Veterinary Clinic



Recession Rescue

Is your pet:
drinking a lot?
tired?
losing weight?
over seven years old?

For the month of January, we are offering **free of charge**, with purchase of a wellness visit, a pet blood **Health Screen**, which will screen for: diabetes, liver disease, kidney disease or anemia.

If you or a family member has been laid off, bring us proof and we will include free vaccines (rabies and distemper ONLY)

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REMEMBER...FEBRUARY IS DENTAL MONTH!

We're happy to announce that we will, once again, be offering a reduced-cost Dental Program in February of 2009.



Dental health is a very important part of your pet's life. Animals who have regular exams and keep up with dental care have a 25% longer life expectancy. During a dental evaluation, we will look for signs of periodontal disease, which

occurs because plaque forms on the teeth 24 hours a day. When plaque is not removed it hardens and forms into tartar, which then causes a red painful swelling of the gums known as gingivitis. After the evaluation, we'll determine a treatment plan that fits your needs, as well as those of your pet. So, give us a call to set up a time to have an appointment for a dental evaluation. Then, during the month of February, the dental cleaning procedures will be 25% off! We will have specific dates set up throughout the month of February and we'll find one to best suit your needs. In addition to the

reduced cost, you will also be given free samples of products to aid in the home care process. If we have recommended a dental cleaning for your pet, now is the time to schedule it!

