

# Thompson Tribune

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It's party time every Tuesday and Thursday at the East Stroudsburg Veterinary Hospital! *Puppy Party* time! We have a Puppy Party every Tuesday and Thursday evening from 7pm—8pm. Every puppy that comes to our hospital is invited to attend.

Puppies must have their first set of vaccines, have a negative fecal test, and be on Heartgard Plus and Frontline Plus. Puppies may attend until they lose their baby teeth (usually around 4 mos).

Parents and children are encouraged to come along with their puppies and watch the excitement. If you've never been to a Puppy Party, or if you don't have a puppy, feel

## Puppy Parties

free to stop by and check it out. It's a lot of fun! Melissa (who is well versed in behavioral issues) heads up our puppy parties.

Melissa is there to answer any of your questions regarding diet, training, tricks, etc. The Puppy Parties are free of charge, and you and your pet will learn a lot.

At the Puppy Parties, we address such issues as getting your puppy's nails trimmed, getting the puppy accustomed to noise, other puppies, children, adults, and much more.

You'll be really lucky when Melissa starts to put on disguises to get your puppy accustomed to seeing trick-or-treaters for Halloween. She

takes requests. Bring your pet hungry, because as you know, Melissa loves to give



**Puppy Parties are proven to provide you with a more socialized puppy**

out lots of treats. Your pet will also love the toys in Melissa's great big toy bin. Melissa just went shopping to get newer and better toys.

If you come now, you'll get to see Dr. Sammie's new puppy "Whitney" attending her first Puppy Parties. Come see what the excitement is all about!

## Nursery Corner

Our team became proud parents this month of some new additions to our Health Care Team.

One of our clients caught a stray pregnant cat, and brought her in for some medical attention. She re-

cently gave birth to six healthy kittens in our hospital! They are doing great, and are spending some much needed time with their mother. They will go to our caring clients who will provide them with a good home through adoption.

Our other newest addition to the team is Webster the squirrel. He was brought in a few weeks ago as a baby who was only a few days old. Our Nursing Supervisor Carol Ertle is fostering him at the moment, and is diligently caring for him every day. He's certainly in good hands.

## Bring your pet Home Again with a Microchip



Did you know?

- Each year more than 10 million pets are lost
- 50% of dogs and 75% of cats are without collars by the time they arrive at a shelter
- Your pet can be found. Over 20,000 pets have been returned to their owners through the Home Again Microchip system.

The Home Again Microchip

Identification System is only available through your veterinarian. The pet retrieval system involves injecting a small microchip (about the size of a grain of rice) under the skin between the shoulder blades of a dog or cat, in much the same way a vaccine is administered.

Each chip has a unique 10 digit code that must be registered with the American Kennel Club (AKC). The chip can then be scanned with a scanner when

your pet is found. Someone from the 24 hour hotline will contact the owner, someone designated by the owner, or the pet's veterinarian. Thousands of veterinarians' offices, animal shelters, and animal control agencies use the scanners routinely. They can match your pet's ID through a central database maintained and operated 24 hours a day, 365 days a year by the AKC. Stop in today for a demonstration by a Healthcare Team Member.

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*behaviors such as:*

*Excessive Grooming*

*Destructive Behavior*

*Self-Inflicted Wounds*

*Barking*

*Whining*

*Inappropriate*

*Elimination*

## Separation Anxiety Separates You and Your Pet

Cats and dogs can become anxious upon separation from their human caretakers, even if the separation is temporary. Separation anxiety can be manifested as barking, whining, self-inflicted wounds, inappropriate elimination, excessive grooming, and destructiveness.

Signs of separation anxiety may

suddenly occur in any pet that has never previously had a problem when away from you or left alone.

It can be very frustrating for you and your pet to live with separation anxiety. Fortunately, there are several ways to help reduce and control the nuances of separation anxiety behavior.

- Talk to one of our Health Care Team Members about ways to stop the behavior.
- Talk to your Veterinarian about ClomiCalm or other medications to help with this disorder.
- Invest in the Kong, or other toys to help with the disorder.

## Scratch Away Allergies With Early Detection

Just like humans, pets can develop food and seasonal allergies. Some of the signs and symptoms to look for are:

- Itching/Scratching/Chewing/Licking at any body part
- Ear infections

- Hair Loss
- Red/Irritated Skin

Luckily, early detection and treatment can save you and your pet a lot of sleepless nights.

At ESVH we diagnose allergies through several different ave-

nues. They include the IGE Allercept early detection screening test, HESKA allergy testing, and a food elimination diet. We have several different ways to treat allergies as well. These include a low-allergen diet, antihistamines, and allergy injections.



## The Dirt on Diabetes

Diabetes mellitus is a disease of the pancreas. This is a small but vital organ that is located near the stomach. It has two significant functions: it secretes enzymes necessary for proper food digestion, and it also secretes the hormone insulin.

Diabetes Mellitus is a failure of the pancreas to regulate blood sugar. Without an adequate amount of insulin, blood sugar (glucose) is unable to get into the cells. It accumulates in the

blood, setting in motion a series of events that can ultimately prove fatal.

Some signs of diabetes in your pet can include, but are not limited to the following:

- Unexplained Weight Loss
- Increased Water Consumption
- Increased Appetite
- Increased Urination

Tests available to test your pet

for diabetes include a urinalysis, and a chemistry blood work profile.

Diabetes is treatable with proper intervention. It is treated with supplemental doses of insulin.

Your veterinarian and your Health Care Team Members will help to instruct you in how to monitor and treat your pet's diabetes. However, detection is the first step. If you recognize any symptoms call our office.



## Hyperadrenocorti...What????????

Hyperadrenocorticism is better known as Cushing's Disease. It is a condition in which the adrenal glands overproduce certain hormones.

Many dogs suffer from this disease and are undiagnosed. Some of the signs and symptoms to look for are:

- Increased appetite/water consumption and urination
- Lethargy or lack of activity
- Poor hair coat
- Bloated appearance to the abdomen
- Panting

Cushing's Disease is only diag-

nosed by a combination of several tests. The two most common tests are the ACTH Stimulation, and the Low-Dose Dexamethasone Suppression Test.

If you suspect that your pet matches any of these signs or symptoms, call our office and speak with a Health Care Team Member.

*85% of all Cushing's Disease cases are caused by a pituitary gland tumor. It may be benign or malignant. Early diagnosis is the best treatment!*

## You Can Live With Barking With Gentle Spray

The Gentle Spray Citronella Anti-Bark Collar uses patented technology to deliver a harmless burst of Citronella spray that interrupts your dog's barking. The spray is so successful because it works with four of your dog's five senses. He hears it, sees it, feels it, and smells it.

Shock collars attempt to reduce barking with pain. In addition to being less effective, the pain they cause may increase anxiety and aggression, and even make some behavior problems worse. And although the discomfort caused by ultra-sonic collars is not as severe as the pain of

electrical shock, behavior experts observe only one-fourth the success rate as with the Gentle Spray Citronella Anti-Bark collar.

The staff at ESVH uses the Gentle Spray in the hospital and at home on our own pets, and can verify it's success.



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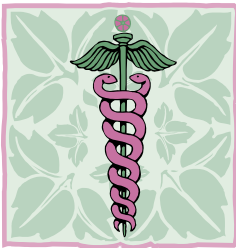


**East Stroudsburg  
Veterinary Hospital**



Our staff attended the “Hematology for Veterinarians” seminar presented by Fred Metzger DVM, Diplomate ABVP from the Metzger Animal Hospital on Thursday May 15th at the Holiday Inn in Dunmore, PA. We learned a lot about hematology and reading blood work results.

Darcy, Tanya, Brad, Kristi, and Melissa attended the Smart Moves for Veterinary Technicians seminar in Conshohocken, PA on April 27th. We had an interesting ride down in a two door Monte Carlo, but it was well worth the aggravation.



## “STAFF STUFF”

We learned a lot of new things that we hope to implement in our hospital.

Our staff said good-bye to two team members this month. Bonnie Carter left our practice to pursue her own career.

Audrey Kilpatrick left our nursing staff this year to head to Ohio to attend Ohio State University. She will be working towards her Doctorate degree in Veterinary medicine. We wish them all the luck in the world, and they will be greatly missed.

We’ve been focusing on preg-

nancy and delivery at our staff training meetings. We’ve also addressed issues such as kidney failure, emergency care, OSHA regulations, and customer service issues.

We also have welcomed a new team member to our staff. Vyolet Albano comes to us from Homestead Veterinary Hospital. She has an extensive background in animal care that spans over 10 years. Vyolet is replacing Brad Mark one of our Health Care Team Members who will be transferring downstairs to join the nursing team.