



This month we continued with our Girl Scouts education program! Above, Dr. Brock is helping get a few of the Scouts ready for surgery! They scrubbed in like 'doctors' to remove foreign bodies on stuffed animals, including socks, rubber duckies, coins, hair ties, and dental floss. Each "case" was a real incident, and included radioagraphs!

MDR1 Gene Mutation

Multi-Drug Resistance Gene (MDR1) is responsible for protecting your dog by transferring toxins away from the brain. A mutation in this gene results in drug sensitivities, including those used in anesthesia.

The mutated gene impedes the dog's capability to remove such drugs from the brain, which results in an overdose, leading to seizures, neurologic symptoms, ataxia and possibly death.

Most Common Breeds Affected:

- Collie (70%)
- Long-haired Whippet (65%)
- Australian Shepherd (50%)
- Mini Australian Shepherd (50%)

Other breeds can be affected as well.

If your dog has seemed particularly affected by drugs or anesthesia in the past, consider testing for the MDR1 gene mutation for \$85. Questions? Give us a call at 971-371-4024.

Welcome Northwest Animal Companion Rescue!

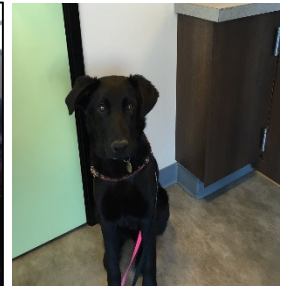
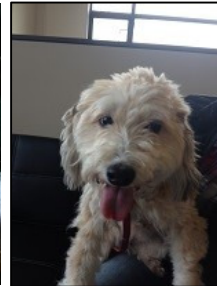
Viking Veterinary Care is proud to announce a new rescue partner! In addition to Panda Paws, Lovers Not Fighters, and Bonnie Hays Animal Shelter, we will also be working with Northwest Animal Companions of Oregon. Below are a few rescues currently in foster care that we have already seen! If you are looking for an addition to the family, please consider these rescue groups. Their websites are included below:

<http://nwac-oregon.org/>

<http://www.pandapawsrescue.org/>

<http://www.lovers-not-fighters.org/>

<http://www.co.washington.or.us/HHS/AnimalServices/AnimalShelter>



Northwest Animal Companion Rescues - left to right: Ichabod(Ziggy), Punkin and Seelie



Congratulations to Lisa and Katy for their recent certification in laser therapy! This is a rigorous course through the American Institute of Medical Laser Applications! Great job on all your hard work and dedication ladies!



Why Microchip?

Gidget was a dog that came to Bonnie Hays last fall as a stray. Thankfully, she had a microchip that identified her! Gidget had traveled from Philadelphia to Oregon and had been missing for five months! Viking Veterinary Care donated her health certificate so she could fly back East and be reunited with her family.

This is one of many stories where microchips can save lives! Does your pet need a microchip? We have them for \$40



The Importance of Poo

Fecal samples are recommended as part of the annual exam to check for intestinal parasites. They are used to detect hookworms, roundworms, whipworms, tapeworm, coccidia, and giardia.

Not all pets with parasites have diarrhea. And most of these parasites can be passed on to humans, ESPECIALLY children or anyone immune compromised (elderly, pregnant, diabetic, etc).

For the safety of the household, bring us your pet's poo once a year!

Now Scheduling Training Sessions with Lisa!

Viking Veterinary Care is happy to announce that we are now offering individual training sessions with Lisa, our Certified Trainer. Last month Lisa successfully passed the Karen Pryor Academy and is now a Certified Training Partner!

- One hour training session for \$35
- 6 week puppy training course for \$150

Please call us with questions or to book your training session today!

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ASPCA Animal Poison Control App

There's An App for That!

My dog just ate some grapes-do I got to the vet? Now there is an app for any related questions! The latest ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center mobile app is free! Check it out, but when in doubt please give us a call!

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