Puppy Play Day
Join us for Puppy Play Day every Saturday from 10a-11a for $10! Puppy Play Day is a social hour for puppies 9 weeks and up. All dogs participating in Puppy Play Day have had their annual exam, are up-to-date on vaccines, have been dewormed, and have a negative fecal. Toenails are checked prior to entry to protect everyone’s eyes from "puppy punches". Reservations help us plan for matching up play styles. Want to make a reservation for PPD? Give us a call at 971-371-4024.

Poison Prevention Corner
Xylitol is commonly found in sugar-free gum, but most recently introduced into some peanut butters! Xylitol causes life-threatening decreases in blood sugar (seizures, coma, death) and liver failure if they make it through that! It’s bad stuff and it’s usually hanging out in purses, backpacks, and on countertops where pets can easily get to it.

Please make sure to keep your sugarless gum in a drawer or other protected location... And check your peanut butter!

Swagger is worn out after a good romp with his puppy friends!

We’d Like Your Opinion!
Recently, we have seen an increase in interest and attendance to our puppy play day group! What would you say if we added a group for our fuzzy children 8 months and over? Canine socialization is important for all ages, shapes, and sizes.

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Home Sweet Home For Lucy & Leo
These two found their forever home when their new mommy came in looking for information about Viking Veterinary Care. It was love at first sight! Congratulations to Lucy, Leo, and their new family.

Chocolate vs. Xylitol (gum)

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Titer Testing To Prevent Over-Vaccination in Dogs

Remember when pets were brought to the vet every year for shots? Well, research in the last couple decades has shown that the immune response stimulated by vaccines hangs around a lot longer than we knew! Because of this new information, vaccine guidelines have changed.

*After the series of three Distemper Adenovirus Parvo (DAP) vaccines and one rabies vaccine a dog receives as a puppy, they should have a booster at 1-year of age.

*Thereafter, DAP and rabies vaccines are given every 3 years instead of annually. Three years is the time frame that every DAP and rabies vaccine available was shown to last for. In some dogs, antibody response stimulated by vaccines can last MUCH longer.

Titer testing is a way for us to measure if a dog has adequate immunity against these deadly viruses. For rabies, “protective antibodies” do NOT equal immunity, which is why no state allows rabies titers to be used instead of vaccinating. (Rabies vaccines can be waived by your veterinarian if they have a medical condition, such as a previous vaccine reaction, that warrants it.)

Titer testing for distemper and parvo viruses is available through our hospital for $72.90. A “positive” titer indicates protection, while a “negative” titer suggests vaccination is needed.

Fun Fact: 1 in 1,000 dogs do not form a protective immune response to the parvo vaccine. The same is true for 1 in 5,000 dogs to the distemper vaccine. These dogs are called “genetic non-responders”. No matter how many vaccines they receive, they will not be protected. There used to be a large number of Rottweilers and Doberman Pinchers who were non-responders, but most of them died with the first parvo outbreaks in the 70s and now these breeds are not overrepresented. There is a suspicion in the veterinary community that Pitbulls may have larger numbers of non-responders than other breeds, but this has yet to be proven.

The best time to test your puppy to see if it is protected from parvo and distemper is 2-4 weeks after their last vaccination in their “puppy series” (~18-20 weeks of age). Adult dogs can be titer tested anytime and checked every 2-3 years to ensure their titers remain high.

For more information on titer testing and vaccines, please call our office at 971-371-4024, or send us an email at info@vikingveterinarycare.com.

Naturopathic Medicine

Would you be interested in acupuncture and Chinese herbs being brought into Viking Veterinary Care? Drop us a line and let us know! Dr. Gilbert and Dr. Brock will be attending a symposium next Saturday to see if these modalities are a fit for our practice. info@vikingveterinarycare.com