

Franklin and Molly enjoying puppy playtime on Saturday. Puppies 20 weeks and under are welcome to join us for \$10 at 10am for supervised play with peers who are up-to-date on vaccines, have had a fecal test, and have been dewormed.

We would be happy to host a playgroup for older puppies under a year. Please contact us if you're interested!

The American Veterinary Society of Animal Behavior's stance on...

Puppy Socialization

The primary and most important time for puppy socialization is the first three months of life. During this time puppies should be exposed to as many new people, animals, stimuli and environments as can be achieved safely and without causing overstimulation manifested as excessive fear, withdrawal or avoidance behavior...

Incomplete or improper socialization during this important time can increase the risk of behavioral problems later in life including fear, avoidance, and/or aggression...Enrolling in puppy classes prior to three months of age can be an excellent means of improving training, strengthening the human-animal bond, and socializing puppies in an environment where risk of illness can be minimized.

For the complete statement, please visit www.avsabonline.org

With all this beautiful weather, the Oregon coast and the Mt. Hood trails are calling your name. But are your pets safe when you travel? Even a simple fender bender can turn deadly for the dog or cat riding on a lap in the front seat!

For the safety of you AND your pet, please make sure they are safely restrained in the back. There are a number of options available, including harnesses that attach to seatbelts, gates that separate the back of a vehicle from the front, travel kennels, and car seats for pets.



Dr. Brock's pups ride in style...Cappy, Trudy, and Franklin are all buckled up in the back seat!



Black Bart, Dr. Gilbert's Great Dane, assisted in teaching two Girl Scout troops how to introduce themselves to a dog in our recent Dog Bite Prevention Class:

- 1.) Ask the owner
- 2.) Approach from the side
- 3.) Hold out a closed hand
- 4.) Allow the dog to approach you



Meet Queso...because everything is better with cheese! This handsome young man is our newest adoption ward resident. He's a neutered and microchipped short-haired tuxedo with a smokey undercoat-pretty rare coloring! This guy is quite a ham. He doesn't really like to be picked up, but he has lots of love to share and doesn't appear to be a 'fraidy cat! He can be adopted at Viking Veterinary Care through Bonnie Hayes Animal Shelter for \$50.

Our Sentinel Spectrum Special ends March 31st!

- ✓ Buy 6 doses, get \$15 online rebate.
- ✓ Buy 12 doses, get \$35 online rebate.

In dogs, Sentinel Spectrum prevents:

- Flea eggs
- Intestinal worms (roundworm, whipworm, hookworm AND tapeworm)
- Heartworm

Sentinel Spectrum is very affordable:

<25lb = \$12.50/month, with rebate \$10/month!

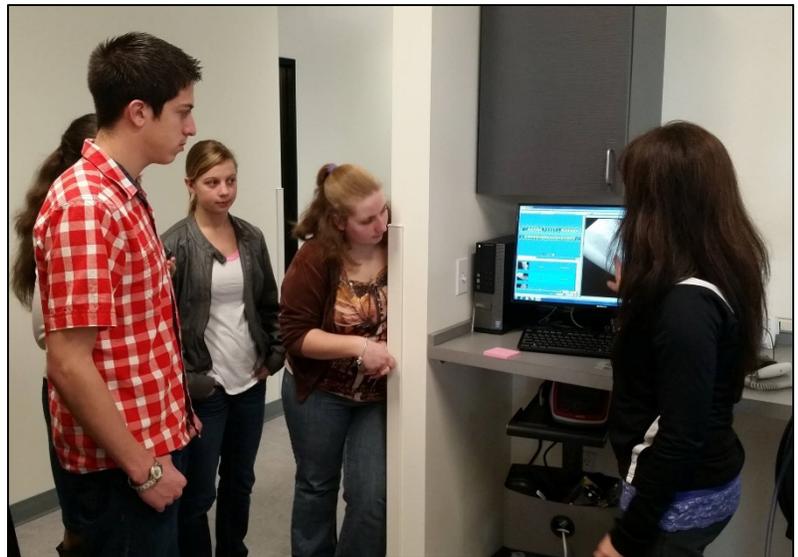
26-50lb = \$15.20/month, with rebate \$12.70/month!

50-100lb = \$18.40/month, with rebate \$15.90/month!

**A heartworm test (\$25) is required prior to starting any heartworm preventative in dogs.*



Congratulations to Lisa, our Certified Veterinary Technician. She successfully passed the Karen Pryor Academy training and is now a Certified Training Partner. This is a difficult program and not many trainers have this certification. Nice job, Lisa! To schedule one-on-one training, please contact our office at 971-371-4024.



In February, we had a group of 15 high school students with an interest in veterinary medicine tour the hospital. They got to learn first-hand from Dr. Gilbert and Dr. Brock what it takes to get into veterinary and technician school. Here, Dr. Brock is explaining dental radiographs and what she's worried about in the patient under anesthesia.