

SWVH September Newsletter

September starts with children going back to school and in this newsletter we will discuss why *school* for dogs and cats is also important. Our doctors and staff have also enjoyed various continuing education classes helping us to provide the most up to date medical, surgical and dental care for your pets. This month we are very excited to be celebrating our *first anniversary*!! Thank you to everyone for your support.

September means Back to School

Yellow school buses have once again become a part of the morning and evening routine, reminding us all the importance of education.

Dogs and cats will always benefit from the mental stimulation of training. Not only does it increase the human-animal bond, it is also fun for you and your pet! Class ideas include: Canine Good Citizen Test, Flyball, Agility, Tricks/Dance, and Therapy Dog Training.

There are a number of good trainers in the Reno/Sparks area. Please ask us if you need a referral!

AAHA Accreditation Update

Established in 1933, American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) is the only organization that accredits veterinary practices throughout the U.S and Canada for dedication to the highest standards of veterinary care. More than 3,000 AAHA-accredited practices pass regular reviews of AAHA's stringent accreditation process that covers patient care, client service and medical records.

SWVH is looking forward to its accreditation review on *November 3, 2009*.

www.aahanet.org

"Positive and consistent training is associated with fewer behavioral problems and greater obedience than methods that involve punishment and/or encourage human dominance."

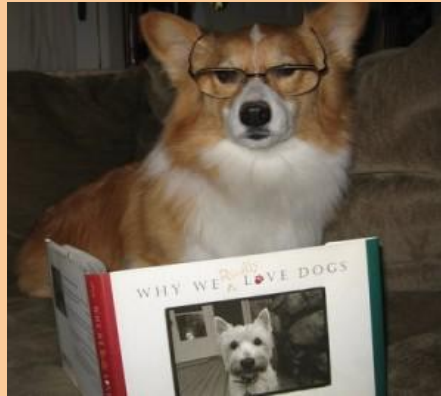
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SWVH recommends you choose a trainer who uses reward-based training, is respectful to you and your pet, allows you to observe a class and who would be willing to work with SWVH to resolve behavior issues if they arose.



Our Doctors and Staff enjoy going to school too!!

In Nevada veterinarians and licensed veterinary technicians need to attend a prescribed number of continuing education (CE) hours in order to maintain their license. At SWVH we have all gone above and beyond the state requirements. We feel that CE is integral to maintaining the high level of care we provide our patients – and helps us better communicate why recommendations may have changed over time to you, our clients.

Highlights from recent meetings:

- In adult dogs and cats (>4 years old) vaccine titers (blood test to check for antibodies) can be done triennially to see if revaccinating for DAP and FVRCP boosters are necessary
- Ovariectomy may be a better option vs. ovariohysterectomy for your dog or cat when considering spaying
- There is no benefit to start kitten or puppies vaccines before 8-9 weeks, as long as the mother has had her scheduled vaccines and is healthy. It is most important to have the last puppy or kitty vaccine in the series occur at 16 weeks old
- There are many different medications that can be combined to help control chronic pain.
- Many pets are dramatically improved and owner's happily surprised after their pet has infected or fractured teeth extracted – likely due to relieving the pain.

Dr. Sargent or Dr. Rasmusson would be happy to discuss the above or other issues!

As always, we are here to help! Please call (775) 825-SWVH, email (contact@swvhreno.com) or stop by to have your questions answered by our caring staff and veterinarians.

If you have suggestions for future newsletters or topics you would like to hear more about – please let us know!

Sincerely, The doctors and support staff of SWVH

Local Trainer Websites

www.dogtrainingbypj.com

www.tmdtc.org

www.beyondobediance.com

Vaccination/Titer Information

www.healthypet.com/library_view.aspx?id=196

www.avma.org/animal_health/brochures/vaccination/vaccination_brochure.asp