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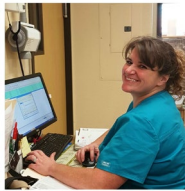
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Staff Member of the Month

Noodle's Notes



This month we'd like to take a moment to shine the spotlight on the one and only Amy!



Amy has dedicated a significant amount of her life to veterinary medicine and can truly say that is where her passion lies. Throughout the years, she has gained experience in emergency medicine, dentistry, and surgery which is invaluable knowledge she loves to share with her peers. Anyone who has ever had the pleasure of working with Amy would most likely say leadership comes naturally to her which made it easy for her to be placed in the role of lead veterinary technician, then to practice manager in the 2017, and finally the practice owner in 2021. Amy's biggest accomplishment in this field of work has been the close relationships she has built with our clients and their pets, and has made it her mission to continue building those connections.

Amy has spent most of her life here in El Dorado County where her and her husband raised a daughter and a son. Whatever time she doesn't spend here in the hospital is with her family, her wild pack of frenchies, her cats, and her menagerie of chickens.



Hey all! It's me, Noodle! Now that we're going to be kicking it off into summer soon, I wanted to throw out a reminder to everyone to make sure your pets are currently vaccinated for rabies. The wildlife in our area tend to hang around a bit more just as we tend to spend more time outside as the weather gets warmer and the days longer. Many critters out there are susceptible to carrying the rabies virus and all of your pets are at risk when they come in contact with any of these wild animals. You may be thinking that there is sturdy fencing around your property so nothing can get in or maybe your pet is indoor only so the likelihood of them getting rabies is little to nothing. The funny thing about wildlife such as skunks and racoons is that they always seem to find themselves traveling through people's yards no matter how well fencing is built, making dogs protecting their homes at risk when they have run-ins with these trespassers. Even indoor pets are at risk because silly little creatures like bats and rodents tend to make their way into people's homes. This one time, my cat cousin caught a bat in his living room! So really what's the harm in having a current rabies vaccine this year? Not only is it required by the law here in El Dorado County, but it's much less harmful than contracting a deadly virus. Go ahead and do your pets a favor, and make sure their rabies vaccine is up to date. If you find that your pets need an update on their vaccine just give my people a call and they can schedule you an appointment to quickly vaccinate your pet for you. Hm, now that I think about it, I need to go bother my humans about making sure my vaccine is up to date. Well, gotta run! Toodles!



Microchip Month

May is Microchip Month here in veterinary medicine and there really couldn't be a better time for it than now. This time of year is the perfect time to start getting prepared for the summer ahead and this should include readying your pets for the possibility that they become separated from you.

Pets are at risk of becoming lost or separated in the event of an emergency all year round, but the warm weather during the summer months brings about new possibilities for these situations to occur. Most of us take advantage of the change in season to plan more outdoor activities such as hiking, camping, and visiting lakes or rivers. Oftentimes pet owners use these activities as an opportunity to get their dogs out of the house to join the family in the outdoors as well. In some cases, these fun family days or trips can quickly turn into our worst nightmare when the beloved family dog gets loose and runs off into the unknown area they were brought to, and are nowhere to be found. The summertime also brings on the risk of experiencing natural disasters, more specifically wildfires here in El Dorado County. Unfortunately, there have been many people who have become separated from their pets in the midst of an evacuation due to a wildfire. We all tell ourselves our dogs are trained well enough that they would never take off or in an emergency we would never leave without our pets, but regardless of the circumstances any of us can find ourselves in these horrible situations. The fact of the matter is we can't always control how our pets react if they get curious then run off or get spooked then hide so well we can't find them in a hurry. What you can do as a pet owner is increase the chance of reuniting with your pets if you are ever in the position of being separated from them. Many pet owners think the best way to identify their pets is putting a collar on them with tags that specify who the pet is and who they belong to. Collars and I.D. tags are not a bad way to help the identification of an animal; however, it's been proven that we can't rely on all pets collars or tags staying on after they run away. It's very common for lost pets being found by strangers to have no identifying collars or tags on. So, what exactly is the best way to help identify your pets? That's easy, have them microchipped! It may not seem like such a big deal, but this tiny little chip has done wonders in reuniting pets to their owners since it's the first thing shelters and animal hospitals scan for when a found pet is brought in by the kind stranger who caught them.

It's important to understand that microchips are not tracking devices. That may come as good or bad news to some that are unfamiliar with microchips, but we promise they're still worth it. Each microchip has its own number so when an animal is scanned the number will pop up on the microchip scanner. The number can then be entered into a microchip number database that leads shelter or veterinary staff in the direction of tracking down the pet's owner. In order for this process to work well, it's extremely important that pet owners frequently make sure their contact information (phone number, address, etc.) is up to date with the company their pet's microchips are from. So, how do you get your pet microchipped? That's also easy! Implanting a microchip isn't an invasive procedure and is very similar to administering a vaccine. Call your regular veterinary office and they can easily schedule you an appointment to have a microchip administered into your pet.



Big News!

In honor of Microchip Month, we at PVPC wanted to offer microchips for \$10 off our regular price. Yep, you read that right, \$10 off for the ENTIRE month of May! Go ahead, give our office a call at (530)644-2424 to schedule your appointment today.

