



PVPC Newsletter



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Staff Member of the Month

Hello everyone! We'd like to introduce you to Austin, one of our fantastic assistants.



Austin's professional experience lies in the automotive and RV repair industry where he spent many years assisting in a local family owned business. However, his interest in animals and business management brought him to our PVPC team in early 2023. Austin has very little experience in veterinary medicine so before he ventures on to the possibility of managing an animal hospital, he's using this time to gain hands-on experience and continued education specific to our field of work. As he continues to learn the ins and outs of veterinary medicine, he is using this time to get to know our wonderful patients and their owners so you will see him most assisting our doctors in the exam rooms.

Austin was born and raised here in El Dorado County, and since has been well established here as an adult. He is a very skilled guy in many things so he tends to spend his spare time doing handiwork (this has benefitted us as well!). Otherwise, he enjoys getting together with friends, shooting guns in the mountains, occasional gaming, and getting into shenanigans with his brother-in-law.

We look forward to you meeting Austin in person if you have not already. His friendly and polite manner has been known to make everyone's day



Adopt a Dog Month

Since 1981, the American Humane Society has been using the month of October to celebrate and promote adopting dogs from shelters. This celebration was created in an effort to bring upon the awareness of how many canine friends are waiting in all shelters to be adopted. As of now, there are an estimated 3 to 4 million dogs awaiting to be adopted and taken into loving homes. The American Humane Society is urging people everywhere to be a hero and adopt a dog from their local shelter now more than ever.

If you are thinking about taking the step to adopt a dog, it's important to remember to consider all options available including senior dogs. It's also important to do research on all breeds and mixed breeds of dogs prior to adopting one so there's less of a risk that your newly adopted dog needs rehoming and placement back into shelters due to personality clashes.

If you currently own a dog(s) and are not in the position to adopt another dog, there are still ways you can contribute to this month of awareness. One way is by making sure your dog(s) are spayed and/or neutered. This simple step in preventative care helps reduce the risk of accidental and unwanted litters of puppies. Oftentimes with accidental breedings, puppies who have not been able to be placed in homes find their way right into a shelter. Spaying or neutering your dogs is one small step in reducing the numbers of dogs that reside in animal shelters across the nation.



Adopt a Dog Month, continued

In honor of Adopt a Dog Month, we at PVPC would like to take this opportunity to feature a sweet little pup that will soon be looking for her forever home. Millie is an adult (about 6 years) French Bulldog that came to us from Stanislaus Animal Services in the middle of August. Stanislaus Animal Services had found Millie in very poor condition after she had given birth to a litter of puppies. Upon initial examination of her, it was found that her left eye had experienced some unknown trauma, she had multiple wounds all over her body, and she was malnourished. The animal services agency brought Millie to our hospital in an attempt to medically board her until she is healthy enough to adopt out to a family in need of a new dog. Since she has been with us, Millie has transformed into one happy little dog. She has been getting quite a bit of TLC including intensive treatment of her eye and skin by all of our medical staff. Once Millie's eye has completely resolved and we are able to spay her, she will be ready to go to a new home. If you are interested in opening up your heart and your home to a new dog please feel free to contact our front office to inquire about meeting Millie and seeing if she's the right match for your household.



Noodle's Notes

Happy Halloween everyone! Spooky season has officially taken effect and although this is an exciting time for many, it does mean that there are some dangers out there for all pets.

The yummy treats that come with Halloween are the biggest danger to pets. For some, these delicious treats can be a highlight of this exciting month, but many of them are really toxic to both dogs and cats when consumed. So, remember to keep those bowls of candies and other baked goods in a place your dogs and/or cats can't reach. If an accident does happen and your pet gets a little too greedy with the treats, be sure to contact your regular veterinary office to get advice on what the next best step is.

Something else to keep in mind is that for some reason there are pets out there that find Halloween decorations to be appetizing. I don't know what the fascination with snacking on inedible items is, but believe it or not there are canine friends and some of my kind that can't help themselves! So, if you want to prevent your pet from having a big surgery to remove unwanted items from their guts, try your best at keeping them away from some of those fancy, and I guess yummy, Halloween decorations. If you have any concerns that your pet might have an intestinal obstruction, be sure to contact your regular veterinary office for an exam. Anywho, be safe out there and have a wonderful holiday everyone!

