

SHAWNEE ANIMAL CLINIC

NEWS

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Providing the latest news on events and community service projects from your friends at Shawnee Animal Clinic.

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SPAY DAY IS HERE!

GET 30% OFF

Purchase your discounted spay/neuter certificate in the office or over the phone on Tuesday, Feb. 27th.



How It Works



Come See Us

Stop in at our office on Tuesday, Feb. 27th. Feel free to come inside or use the drive thru.

or



Call Us

Can't make it to the office? Call on Tue, Feb. 27th to order. A \$5 phone fee will apply.



Purchase Your Certificate

Let one of our staff members know that you would like to purchase a spay day certificate.



Call to Schedule Later

Call us to schedule later! We will begin scheduling on Wednesday, Feb. 28th.



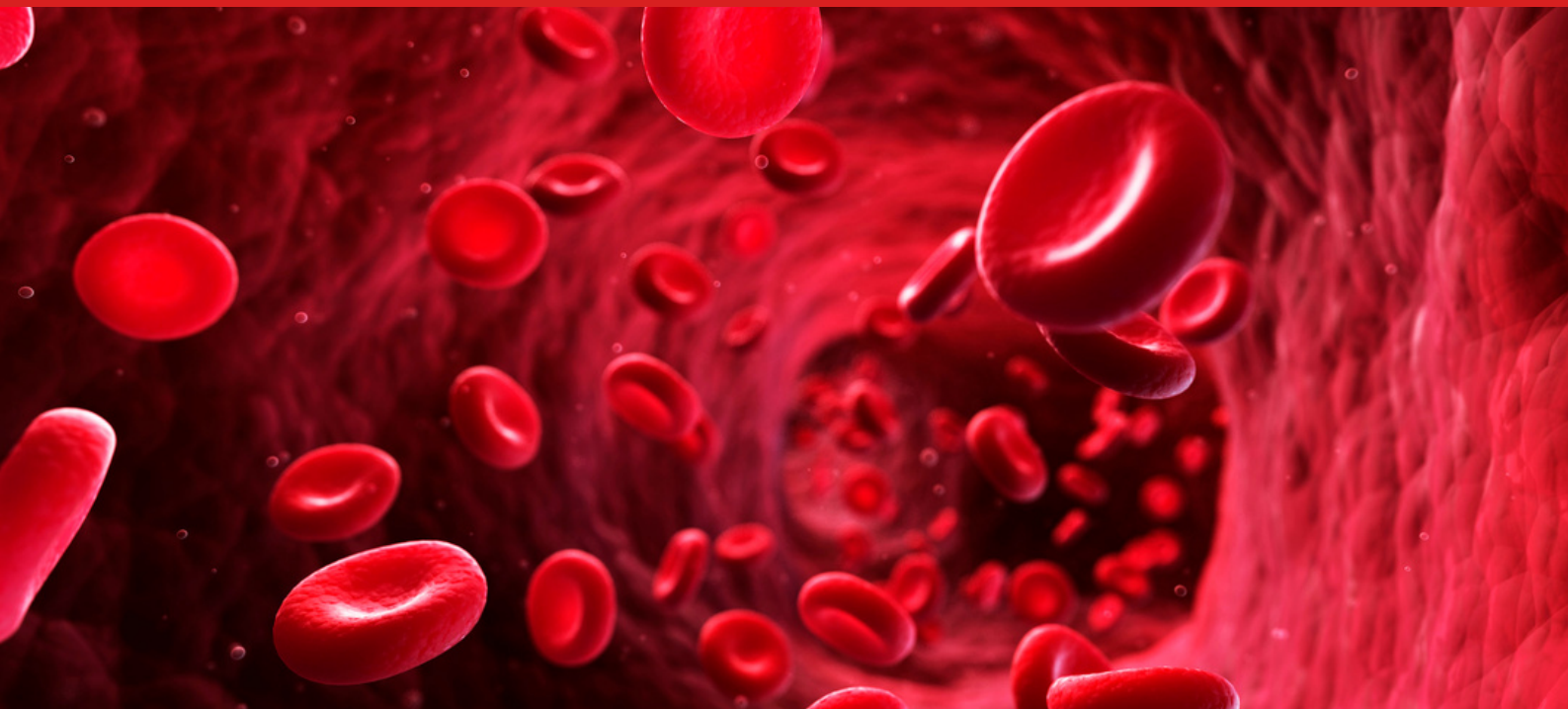
When Can I Use My Certificate

Your pet's certificate is valid for use from Feb. 28th, 2024 until Jan. 1, 2025.



Enjoy Your Happy, Healthy Pet

Enjoy your happy and healthy pet! We thank you for helping fight pet overpopulation!



PRP Therapy

INTRODUCING PLATELET RICH PLASMA THERAPY

What is Platelet Rich Plasma

Platelet Rich Plasma (PRP) is a highly concentrated blood sample that contains isolated cells (platelets) and the fluid portion of blood (plasma). PRP is a form of regenerative medicine that has been proposed to treat inflammatory conditions that affect ligaments, muscles, and tendons, such as osteoarthritis. It may also help with bone regeneration after a bone fracture.

PRP has also been proposed as an aid to promote the healing of skin wounds and dental disease. The theory is that injecting PRP at the site of inflammation, will promote healing of the affected tissue and reduce inflammation. When used as a therapy, Platelet Rich

Plasma can help regenerate and heal tissues by:

- Recruiting cells to an area of injury to clean up dead and injured cells
- Releasing proteins called "Growth Factors" which are responsible for tissue regeneration

What is involved with Platelet Rich Plasma therapy?

If one of our veterinarians has determined that Platelet Rich Plasma therapy is right for your pet, you will need to schedule an appointment with Dr. Gail Counts who can treat your pet with Platelet Rich Plasma Therapy in our office. During this treatment, a small amount of blood is taken from your dog and is processed using a specialized system that concentrates the platelets and plasma.

The red blood cells are removed with a pipette and discarded. The left-over concentrate is called PRP which contains platelets and proteins that can then be used to promote healing and treat areas of inflammation in the body. Once

the Platelet Rich Plasma processing is complete, it is injected directly into the area of injury.

What results can be expected from Platelet Rich Plasma therapy?

Many veterinarians have noted therapeutic effects last between 6-12 months for dogs with mild to moderate osteoarthritis.

What are the side effects and risks of PRP therapy?

Since PRP therapy requires using a patient's own blood to harvest the sample (autologous), side effects appear to be minimal, but they may include pain, irritation, or bleeding at the site of the injection.

Patients do require sedation or general anesthesia when receiving PRP therapy, as it is injected directly into the affected joint or site. Talk to one of our veterinarians about the risks of sedation and anesthesia. Patients often require multiple injections in order for the treatment to be effective.



Snow Days

PROTECTING YOUR PETS IN COLD WEATHER

As the snow falls and the temperature drops, we all rush to snuggle up under our warm blankets and hot coco, but what about our outside pets? It is crucial for you to have a plan of action for your pets during the winter. Even at temperatures as high as 40, your pets can start to feel uncomfortable outside. However, you can ensure your pet's safety this winter by following these simple steps.

1. Provide shelter

It is very important to keep your pets inside with you and your family. We never suggest pets be left outside in extreme temperature. Even pets who normally roam outside during other seasons should be kept inside with you at all times. Dogs do require frequent walks and exercise, even during

winter months. However, we suggest limiting the time your dog spends outside in extreme temperatures.

If your dog must be left outdoors for part of the day for any reason, they must be protected by a dry, draft-free shelter that is large enough to allow them to move comfortably, but small enough to hold in body heat. The floor should be raised a few inches from the ground and covered with cedar shavings or straw. The doorway should be covered with waterproof burlap or heavy plastic.

2. Monitor food and water

Please also keep in mind that pets who spend a lot of time outdoors in the winter require more food because they use more of their energy while trying to stay warm. You will also need to check your pet's water dish frequently to ensure the water has not frozen. Plastic food and water bowls must be used instead of metal to keep your pet's tongue from sticking and freezing to the bowl.

3. Bundle up

We never stop outside into frigid weather without bundling up, so why do we let our pets venture out without layers? Your pets can be at risk for frostbite hypothermia if you do not cover their exposed skin on their noses, ears, and paw pads. No matter what the temperature is, windchill can threaten a pet's life. For this reason, your dogs will feel much more comfortable while wearing a sweater in cold weather.

4. Remove common poisons

The two most common poison risks during the winter months are antifreeze and salt. Antifreeze is a deadly poison, the animals and children may be drawn to due to its sweet taste. It is important that you immediately clean any antifreeze spills and keep the chemical out of reach of children and animals. If at all possible, we suggest purchasing coolants and antifreeze made with propylene glycol because these are less toxic to pets, wildlife and family.

Additionally, animals have an increased risk of salt poisoning in winter due to the rock salt used to keep our roads and sidewalks clear



of ice. Dogs often lick this chemical from their paws after a walk. Please be sure to clean your dog's paws after walks and store de-icing salt in a safe place. If your dog ingests rock salt, call our office at (740)353-5758 immediately.

5. Protect outdoor animals

If you do have a cat that must remain outdoors, remember that they need protection from the elements as well as food and water. You can make your own cat shelter quickly and easily with a plastic tub.

Additionally, cars are one of many hazards to small animals—warm engines in parked cars attract cats and small wildlife, who may crawl up under the hood. To avoid injuring any hidden animals, bang on your car's hood to scare them away before starting your engine.

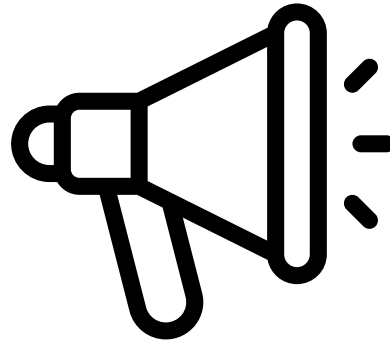
6. Speak out

If you encounter a pet left in the cold, politely let the owner know you're

concerned. Some people genuinely don't know the risk that cold weather poses to their pets or livestock and will be quick to correct any problems you address. If someone you raise these concerns with responds poorly and continues to neglect their animals, please make a report to the Scioto County Humane Society at [\(740\) 532-5366](tel:7405325366).



ATTENTION



SAC FYI

ANNOUNCEMENTS & GENERAL INFO

Valentines Photos

You heard that right! We will be snapping some sweet Valentines Day photos of your pups on February 14th! Be sure to stop in for this fun event!

Heartgard/Nexgard Savings

We are offering free doses of Heartgard and NexGard while supplies last on eligible Heartgard & NexGard products. Savings are as follows:

\$60 Instant rebate PLUS 2 free doses of Heartgard & NexGard when you purchase 12 doses of Heartgard and 12 doses of NexGard.

\$30 Instant rebate PLUS 2 free doses of Heartgard & 1 free dose of NexGard when you purchase 12 doses of Heartgard and 6 doses of NexGard.

\$20 Instant rebate PLUS 1 free dose of Heartgard & NexGard when you purchase 6 doses of Heartgard and 6 doses of NexGard.

February 2024

Pet Dental Health Awareness Month

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Doggy Date Night

Get ready for lots of puppy kisses! Today is the perfect day to setup a puppy play date.

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Valentines Day

Join us on social media for some special valentines photoshoots.

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Presidents Day

Join us in celebrating the founding of our nation and its values.

International Dog Biscuit Appreciation Day

Stop in to celebrate this tasty snack!

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World Spay Day

Created to combat the crisis of pet overpopulation. Stop in for a Discounted Spay Day Certificate!

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