

# The Paw Print



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Monthly Feature: *"Toto we are not in Kansas anymore...."*

Brought to you by Animal Care Clinic

We recently had two staff members, Patricia Sprague and Angela Moilanen travel to Topeka, Kansas to receive firsthand training on how Hill's Science Diet creates their feline and canine diets. They observed everything from research and development to production and manufacturing. During their visit they attended lectures regarding nutrigenomics, the study of the effects of food on the genomes, deciphering food labels, and an introduction into the innovations of the pet food industry.

Hill's gave a thorough overview into their "evidence based medicine". Here they learned about the scientific method within Hill's research and development. All of Hill's Science Diet foods are backed by evidence based medicine and the "subjects" (i.e. cats or dogs) are treated like royalty. Hill's has a very strong stance on ethical medical testing. Their philosophy is to not conduct any testing that could bring harm to the animal.



Some of the interesting facts they learned in the manufacturing process are that suppliers of their ingredients are all located within the United States.

While this has increased the average price of food, it allows for more quality control. Hill's conducts product testing of the first and last can in each batch of their product lines. They also take extensive consideration into the packaging of their products. They have a machine that simulates the movement of a delivery truck to test the bags durability and a warehouse tests the products efficacy if exposed to temperate environments.



The ladies also attended a lecture on nutrigenomics by Dr. Carter. Hill's is conducting research regarding the effects of diet on the genome in animals. By harnessing certain hormones through diet control, Hill's has found ways to adjust the metabolism and help prevent illnesses like heart and kidney disease in the body. This could be very beneficial to animals that are genetically predisposed to kidney failure or arthritis later in life.

Overall the ladies had a wonderful time. Not only did they learn about the "science" behind Hill's Science Diet, but also received extensive training in nutrition that they are very excited to share with you and your pet at your next appointment! Unfortunately, there were no sightings of Toto.

## Updates:

- ❖ Construction is continuing to move forward. We are very excited to have Phase I complete by Friday, May 13. Shelves are being built and the tile floor is being set! Please feel free to stop by and visit. We will be announcing the date for our open house very soon. Thank you for all your patience during our remodel. Please go to our Facebook page to see photos of our remodel!
- ❖ Animal Care Clinic will be at the Beaverton Farmer's Market on May 21 for *Animal Awareness Day*! Dr. Husband will be the resident veterinarian answering any questions related to animal health. Please check out the main website at [beavertonfarmersmarket.com](http://beavertonfarmersmarket.com) for further information.

- ❖ Our Adoption program has temporarily been suspended due to limited space of our remodel. When the remodel is complete we will reopen the program.
- ❖ Monthly Critter Specials:
  - Laser Package: Receive 8 treatments of laser therapy for \$80. Normally \$20 each. An \$80 savings!
  - New Annual Basic Dental Price of \$199.95. Includes pre-op exam, blood work, professional teeth cleaning, pain control, and IV catheter. (Does not include radiographs and/or extractions)
  - Weekly vaccine special. If scheduled with an exam on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday all vaccines are discounted down to \$10 each!
  - All Flea control is 15% off if purchased with a year supply! (Including Sentinel, Frontline Plus, Vectra, and Advantage).
- ❖ Help the pets of Japan affected by the earthquake. The Oregon Humane Society has researched and found a group working in Japan to help find, feed, treat and house the pets that have been affected by the recent earthquake. Please go the following link to find out how you can help. <http://www.oregonhumane.org/news/Japan.asp>
- ❖ At Animal Care Clinic, we value each client relationship. We would greatly appreciate your insight on how we provide our services. We are always seeking to learn about areas we can improve. Please take a few moments to complete our online survey and receive \$3 dollars off your next invoice! Please click on the link below to be redirected to our online survey. <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WMQBOLT>



### *Did you know....? Toxic Plants to Dogs & Cats*

#### **April Showers Bring May Flowers:**

As we are all so excited for spring it is very important to be aware of the environmental hazards that come with it. There are many plants and pesticides that can be in the home or back yard that are infamously poisonous to cats and dogs. Easter Lilies are among the most poisonous plant for cats. So for the men out there, if you plan to impress your lady with flowers avoid picking lilies. After a cat eats a few leaves from the Easter lily plant they can experience renal failure within two to three days.



Unfortunately, dogs tend show up more often at the vet's office due to their strong curiosity to explore. Amarylis tends to be the most common toxic flower of choice. The bulb of the flower produces the most toxins and can cause significant gastrointestinal irritation as well as liver and kidney damage. Another common toxic plant is the Azalea plant. The leaves and flower buds are the most toxic part of the plant. Symptoms of toxicity would include vomiting, diarrhea, drooling, weakness of the central nervous system, and can ultimately lead to coma and death. Another important fact to remember with dogs is that they do like to munch on grass, so avoid unknown environments where the grass could have been treated with chemicals.

The most common symptoms of plant toxicity in a dog or cat include irritation of the skin, vomiting, diarrhea, tremors, lethargy, and loss of appetite. In extreme cases symptoms can include severe seizures, coma, paralysis, and even death. There are many ornamental plants that can bring beauty and enjoyment into our home but can be very harmful to our pets. Please go to the OVMA (Oregon Veterinary Medical Association) website for a complete list of plants that are toxic to cats and dogs. (<http://oregonvma.org/care-health/poisonous-plants>)

Another important item to be aware of is gardening products. Products like fertilizers, insecticides, and snail bait are extremely toxic to animals. If your pet consumes any of these gardening products they can experience symptoms from vomiting and diarrhea to tremors, seizures, and even death. The best thing to do if you plan to use any type of fertilizer is to wait 12-24 hours to let your animals back into the environment so that it can be completely dry. Avoid letting animals into any environment where they could find snail bait, rat poison, or insecticide.

Tips for the pet loving gardener...

- ❖ Never assume your pet will not eat the plant.
- ❖ Be aware of the scientific names so that in the event that they do decide to munch on a plant, you can call poison control and tell them exactly which plant they have eaten.

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- ❖ Toxic plant lists do not always include local species of plants.
- ❖ Avoid toxic gardening products.
- ❖ If you believe your pet has eaten a toxic plant do not wait to induce vomiting. **Contact your veterinarian immediately.** You can also contact the **Animal Poison Control Center.** They are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Their number is [888.426.4435](tel:888.426.4435)
- ❖ Never assume your pet “has learned their lesson”. Remember that once an animal tastes something appealing they are very likely to try to eat it again!

Please click on the link below to watch an informative video on “Plants Potentially Poisonous to Pets” given by The Humane Society.

[http://www.humane.org/animals/resources/tips/plants\\_poisonous\\_to\\_pets.html](http://www.humane.org/animals/resources/tips/plants_poisonous_to_pets.html)



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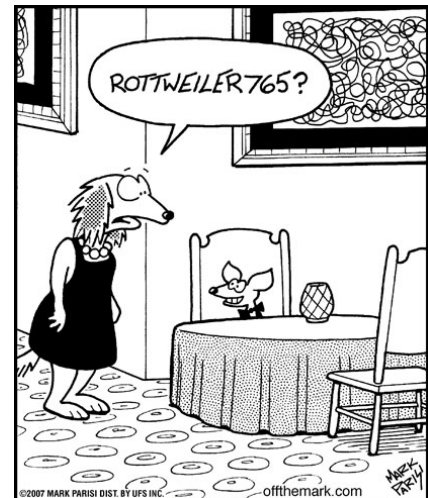
**Upcoming Events For the Month of May:** **Cartoon Of The Month:**



**Animal Awareness Day**  
Dr. Brent with Animal Care Clinic will be the Onsite Veterinarian!  
Beaverton Farmer’s Market  
Saturday, May 21 from 9AM -1PM



**Pug, Pints, and a Portland Tradition!**  
Pug Crawl by the Oregon Humane Society  
Sunday, May 22 from 1-4PM  
(Pug Parade scheduled for 2:30PM)  
Location: MacTarnahan's Taproom,  
2730 Northwest 31st Avenue  
Details at [Oregonhumane.org/pugcrawl/](http://Oregonhumane.org/pugcrawl/)



**Upcoming Fundraisers:**

**Doggy Dash 2011** by Oregon Humane Society!  
On May 14 at the Waterfront Park, Portland, OR.  
Please go to the link below for further information.  
<http://www.oregonhumane.org/doggiedash/event.asp>



**Annual Furball**  
“The Tails of the Wild West”  
Benefit the Feral Cat Coalition  
Saturday May 7, 2011 at 5:30PM  
Located at the World Forestry Center  
Please go to the following link for further information and tickets.  
<http://feralcats.com/Furball.html>



**HOLLYWOOF**  
Whole Foods Market’s  
Benefit for Dove Lewis Emergency Animal Hospital  
Saturday – June 4 – 10-2PM



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