

The Paw Print



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Monthly Feature: *Animal Care Clinic Remodel is Officially Completed!*

Brought to you by Animal Care Clinic

Our clinic is officially complete. We would like to give a big thanks to everyone who has been patient with us through this transition. You will no longer hear the sounds of a hammer. You should only hear the sounds of tranquil music and perhaps the seldom “woof” or “meow”. The new clinic includes four complete exam rooms, new surgery suite, digital radiography room, boarding facilities, isolation ward, pharmacy, and office space. In terms of square footage, we will have doubled in size!

With our remodel, new amenities are available that we were unable to offer before. We are very excited about our new boarding facilities for both cats and dogs. When you make reservations for your kitty they will now be boarding in our Kitty Condo Suites. The cat condos will be a multi-level estate room with a kitty cat-nap bed, play toys, and “business box”. Their business box will be located below where a complete ventilation system will prevent any odors from saturating their living space. One of the nicest amenities within a kitty condo is the large window that goes from the bottom to top level, giving many look out points for bird watching throughout the day.



Figure 2 Cat Condos

We are also very excited to announce dog boarding for any size and breed is now available! We are thrilled to have a complete dog boarding facility where we can watch any breed from a Tea Cup Chihuahua to a Great Dane! We have complete dog runs where your pooch can stretch their legs at any time. Our dog boarding will include feeding that can be customized to your animal’s needs, walking twice a day, and if needed medical care at a moment’s notice! Please call our

clinic for further information to make a boarding reservation for your feline and/or canine family members.



Figure 1 Dog Boarding

We would like to extend our appreciation to all of our clients at Animal Care Clinic. We would have not been able to do this without you. The staff members at Animal Care Clinic hope to show our gratitude by creating a wonderful new hospital where you and your pets always receive optimum care.

We would like to welcome you to our first Open House of the new clinic! Our Open House will be on **Saturday, August 20th** from noon to 3:00PM. We will be giving tours of the new clinic, free information sessions, free samples, drawings for prizes, face painting, appetizers, and more! We love our beautiful new space and hope you and your pets will too.

Disclaimer: We request that you not bring your four footed family members to the Open House😊.



Figure 3 Surgery Suite

Updates:

- ❖ Our Adoption program has reopened!!!! We have new kitten residents at Animal Care Clinic that would love to go home with you! Please feel free to stop by and visit with the kittens. They always appreciate hugs and kisses.
- ❖ 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 extractions)
 - Mid-Week Vaccine Special: If scheduled with an exam on a Wednesday 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).
- ❖ 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 where we can improve. Please take a few moments to complete our online survey and receive \$3 dollars off of your next invoice! Click on the link below to be redirected to our online survey. <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WMQBQLT>



Did you know....? The first signs of animals overheating?

Signs of Overheating In Animals:

Did you know that dogs can over heat without even realizing it? While “Skippy” the dog has complete devotion and concentration to the game of fetch, he will continue to play until the point of total exhaustion and overheating. If anyone mentions the word “B-A-L-L” or picks up the amazing toy, many of our canine friends suddenly have tunnel vision and any notions of feeling tired and hot are completely ignored. Dogs tend to be so excitable and full of fun that it is sometimes difficult to identify when they are tired and hot. Many of us must be the responsible parent(s) and enforce “time out sessions” when playing fetch outside in the summer heat. “Skippy” will be like the energizer bunny and keep going and often will not feel the effects of overheating until it’s too late.



Dogs regulate their body temperature through panting unlike humans who have the ability to sweat like bullets through our skin. A dog’s “air-conditioning system” works by cooling the fluids in their mouth through providing a steady stream of cool air on the tongue, this in turn cools the blood vessels. If a dog reaches the point of overheating they can also become susceptible to having a stroke.

Dogs will also pant for a number of other reasons besides overheating. They can pant excessively because of over excitement, stress, or an illness including seizures, lung, and heart disease. The type of canine breed can also play a major factor. Dog breeds with a short snout like the Pug, Bulldog, or Boxer may have Brachycephalic Airway Syndrome (the fancy medical term for upper airway problems).

Signs of Overheating in Dogs....

- ❖ Profuse and rapid panting
- ❖ Bright red tongue
- ❖ Thick drooling saliva
- ❖ Wide eyes with a glassy look
- ❖ Lack of coordination
- ❖ Vomiting



- ❖ Diarrhea
- ❖ Coma

What to do if you believe your dog is overheating...

If you believe your dog is overheating it is imperative to act quickly and safe in lowering your dog's temperature back to normal.

Remember a dog's normal temperature is around 101 to 102.5 degrees Fahrenheit. Anything above this is considered dangerous to their health. You can check their temperature by using a rectal thermometer. Remember to use a little petroleum jelly at the very tip and request assistance in holding your dog as they may be a little jumpy (as we all would be!).

- ❖ Place them in a cool (but not freezing) place.
- ❖ Offer them water (but make sure it's not ice cold) and try to cool their tongue.
- ❖ You can also turn a fan on (if it does not scare them). They might even perk up thinking they are on a car ride with their ears blowing in the wind☺.
- ❖ You can also try to cool them by using a damp sponge with cool water on their head, tummy, and area between the legs.

The best thing to do is to avoid letting them become the energizer bunny. Regulate their play time into shorter play sessions. NEVER leave them inside a vehicle with all windows closed. The "Green House Effect" happens very quickly inside a vehicle and can create a very dangerous situation for any animal as well as human being. Make sure they always have a cool place to go to and water is always available. As we have also learned panting can also be a sign of stress or illness. If they appear to not be feeling well contact your veterinarian to rule out any possibility of illness. Taking their temperature is one of first steps in evaluating their health. Always call your veterinarian if you are concerned that they are overheating or showing signs of illness. Remember that our pets cannot speak for themselves and we must be the medical advocate for them.

Upcoming Events For the Month of July/August:

Mt. Tabor Doggie Challenge

5K, 8K Run/Walk and Kid's Half Miler!

When: On July 30, 2011

From 8:30AM-2:30PM

Location: Mt. Tabor Park (Picnic Area)

Information:

This annual race is produced by Terrapin Event. No dog necessary. Just bring yourself or some friends and take part in one of the coolest events around, in one of Portland's most amazing parks! Great music, tasty beer and yummy food after the event!

Please visit terrapinevents.com for more information.



Fore the Animals Golf Tournament Helps Pets at OHS!

When: On August 16, 2011

Location: Reserve Vineyards & Golf Club (Aloha, OR)

Information: Love Golfing...? Love Animals...? Why not combine them together for a day of adventure while supporting the Oregon Humane Society! Please click on the link for more information and registration information.



Link: http://www.oregonhumane.org/news/stories/For_The_Animals_Golf_Tournament.asp

Upcoming Fundraisers:

Hazeldale Dog Park's 9th Annual

Dog Day Afternoon

When: On July 30th, 2011

From 10AM-4PM

Location: Hazeldale Park

SW 192nd

Aloha, OR

Information: This 10+ year old community dog park is funded *completely* by donations and volunteer support (it is NOT a city dog park). **Dog Day Afternoon** is the annual fund drive to raise the \$2400 rent for the year. The Washington County Sheriff's K-9 unit will also be giving presentations as well.



Please go to link for further information:

<http://hazeldaledogpark.weebly.com/index.html>