

A Newsletter for BOTH ends of the leash!



Important Information from
Animal Hospital of Ashwaubenon



AMAZING Power of Pets!

A New Year for You and Your Pet

It's a brand new year, a time when many of us think about our goals for the coming months. **As you're planning for the future, don't forget to include your pet.** After all, he or she is part of the family!

Do you want to lower stress this year? Set a goal to **spend one-on-one time with your pet every day.** Research shows time spent with animals reduces our stress levels -- and you know your furry buddy loves it too!

Take a look at your pet's physical appearance and **think about whether he or she needs anything taken care of in the coming year.** You could make a plan to brush him or her regularly, for example. It's also a **good time to make appointments** for veterinary care, grooming, or anything else needed.

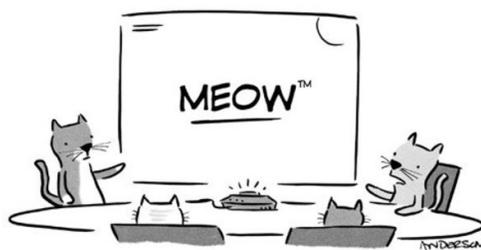
Together, **you and your furry companion are sure to have a wonderful year ahead!**

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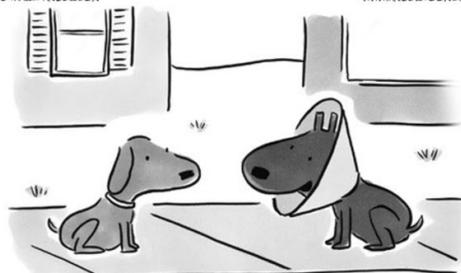
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"Of course I like it, but as a slogan, is it maybe a bit on the nose?"



"Sure, it's uncomfortable, but you should hear how loud I can bark!"



Pet Academy



Diseases You Can Catch From Your Dog

If your dog has ever suffered from a disease or infection, you may have wondered whether or not your pet could transmit that illness to you or members of your family. That depends, but **it is possible for dogs to transmit certain diseases to humans**. These are called zoonotic diseases. Fortunately, by making sure that family members take basic precautionary safety measures, **you'll be able to keep everyone happy and healthy**.

What Diseases Can I Catch From my Dog?

The most well-known zoonotic disease is **rabies**, which can prove deadly in both dogs and humans. Other diseases that you can catch from your dog include leptospirosis, Ehrlichiosis, salmonella, ringworm, giardiasis, campylobacteriosis, brucellosis, and Lyme disease, among many others. Additionally, it's possible for **parasites** like hookworms, roundworms, tapeworms, mites, and others to be transmitted from dogs to humans.

Who is Most at Risk?

Generally speaking, a healthy person is not considered high risk for contracting an illness from their dog. The most at-risk group includes very young children, the elderly, individuals already suffering from another disease or infection, pregnant women, individuals undergoing chemotherapy or radiation treatment, and anyone else who has a compromised immune system for any reason.

What Can I Do to Prevent Disease?

It's important to understand that the individuals listed above can and should be allowed to own dogs; they're simply at a slightly higher risk for contracting illness. The vast majority of individuals, assuming they practice basic hygiene, proper preventative care for their pet, and a bit of common sense, are likely to remain healthy.

First, keep basic hygiene protocol in mind: wash your hands regularly, and avoid direct contact with your dog's feces and urine. Wash your dog's bedding, toys, and food and water dishes on a regular basis. Finally, make sure to keep up with your dog's preventative medication measures. Keep your pet on parasite medications to

ward off fleas, ticks, and worms, and make sure he or she has the essential vaccinations required for avoiding disease. Check with your veterinarian right away if your dog needs parasite control medications or vaccinations.

If you notice signs of illness in your dog, set up an appointment at the vet's office to have your dog examined. Quick diagnosis and treatment is another essential step for helping to stop the spread of zoonotic diseases from your dog to you or members of your family.

If you have concerns about the health of your family, be sure to check with your family doctor.



Have a pet question or concern?

Go ahead and give us a call at 920-499-0805 today! As animal lovers through and through, we are here for you. Just let us know how we can help! We take the time to listen to your concerns so that together we can give your dog, cat or other pet the best veterinary care possible.

What Our Clients **LOVE** About Us!

"We have been with Ashwaubenon Animal Hospital for 8 years and 6 pets. We've seen every Dr., and they have taken care of our "family" to the end. The staff is always so helpful and go out of their way to make sure that we are taken care of everytime, no matter what is going on. I can't thank them enough for the kindness they have shown and continue to show. It is the only place that I will take my babies! Thank you all from the bottom of my heart!" - LisaA.

