

WELLNESS CHECKUP'S AND HALLOWEEN SAFETY

Halloween Safety For Pets:

-The festivities of Halloween; scary noises, costumes and candy, are all aspects of the season that kids look forward to, but not necessarily our pets.

-Loud scary noises and screeches can scare cats and dogs alike and can sometimes cause stress to birds. If you plan on having scary music or ghostly sounds for ambiance, consider a trial to see how your pet reacts. If your pet becomes afraid, then nix the creepy sounds.

-It is always a delight to see the costume clad kids coming to the door asking for their treats. However, this can be stressful, especially for dogs that may not even recognize you in a scary mask. Some dogs get scared and bark aggressively or run and hide. Cats may also get scared and run away. Before Trick or Treaters come to the door, secure your pets. Keep pets in a separate room away from the front door. At Halloween time, there are unstable individuals that may look to harm pets. Cats, especially black cats, should be kept indoors. Many shelters will put a halt to adopting black cats during this time of year.

-Candy, such as chocolate which contains an ingredient called Theobromine (Caffeine), can be extremely detrimental to your pets. Large amounts can cause not only vomiting and diarrhea, but rapid heart rate, increased blood pressure and seizures that can lead to death. Macadamia nuts can cause neurologic problems, and are harmful to pets. Candy with artificial sweetener called Xylitol can cause low blood sugar, shock and liver failure that can lead to death. Finally, if ingested, the candy wrappers can cause intestinal blockage.

-Decorative corn and pumpkins are safe, but if ingested can cause your pet to experience an upset tummy. Keep candles away from pets. Even if placed up high cats can jump up and knock the candles over and start a fire. Battery operated or rechargeable candles are relatively inexpensive and safe for pets. These units have a flickering light that mimics flames.

-Please feel free to call us if you have any questions on keeping your pet safe during the Halloween Season.



Wellness Visits:

Once puppy/kitten vaccines have been received, the following wellness visit schedule is recommended by the AVMA.

Cats & dogs up to 50 lbs.

Age:

6 months - 7 years	Annual Visits
7 years - 12 years	Every 6 months
12+ years	Every 3 months

Large dogs- 50-90 lbs.

Age:

6 months - 6 years	Annual visits
6 years - 10 years	Every 6 months
10 + years	Every 3 months

Giant breeds- dogs >90 lbs.

Age:

6 months - 5 years	Annual Visits
5 years - 7 years	Every 6 months
7+ years	Every 3 months

Contact:

Phone: 813-948-6534
Fax: 813-949-5533
1524 Land O' Lakes Blvd
Lutz, FL 33549

Emergencies (8p-6a):

Tampa Bay VES
813-265-4043
238 E Bearss Ave
Tampa, FL 33613



Improper Nutrition in Avians:

-Improper nutrition affects all of the systems of the body and prevents itself as: abnormalities in body weight and shape; unusual appearances of feathers, nails, beaks, and skin; undesirable behavior, and disturbances in bodily functions.

-Early stages of malnutrition in Avians often show no signs. If a bird reaches latter stages of malnutrition, damage to internal organs may become so severe that it will be too late to save the bird's life. Feeding a high quality, nutritional diet and maintaining an ongoing relationship with an avian veterinarian is important. Any change in your bird's eating habits, behavior, or personality could be due to illness; it is important to discuss these changes with your veterinarian. Over time, every part of the body will reflect the condition of the bird's health.

Issues to discuss with your veterinarian:

-Skin: dryness, flaking, long nails and overgrown beaks.

-Respiratory system: sinusitis, sneezing, liths in the nose, air sacculitis, and aspergillosis.

-Digestive system: enteritis, hepatitis (shows up as green colored droppings), pancreatitis (diarrhea or not eating, no droppings).

-Reproductive system: egg bound, infertility, weak chicks.

-Behavioral abnormalities: feather picking, screaming, biting, aggression.

Pesticide Awareness:

The Migratory Bird Council projects annual wild bird deaths due to pesticide poisoning to exceed 67 million.



Your Bird's Living Environment:

Sunlight UV: Provide adequate unfiltered sunlight and shade. Allow outdoor sunlight exposure (not through glass) for a minimum of 20 minutes a week. Sun replacement lamps are necessary for birds in areas where the sun is not accessible.

Temperature: regulate temps between 65° and 85° F

Humidity: birds in dry climates or under artificial heat need the humidity artificially elevated to 50% its ideal.

Cleanliness: Clean the bird's living space regularly. Do not allow dust, rust, old feces, etc. to exist in this space. Make sure cleaning supplies are bird-safe. Soap and water are the standards.

Changes: Allow pet birds to acclimate to new environments. Reduce factors that may contribute to stress during times of change.

Avoid exposure to:

Hot cooking oil, overheated items with non stick surfaces, ceiling fans, leg chains, sand paper covered perches, cigarette smoke, tobacco, chocolate, avocado, salt, solid air freshener and scented candles, aerosols, alcohol, toxic houseplants, pesticides, easily dismantled toys, dogs, cats, ferrets, and young children, cedar, red wood, and pressure treated shavings, lead or zinc, paper towel rolls with glue and carpet powders.

From East West Animal Hospital:

Unbelievably, it has been one month since we have opened our doors. Setting up our practice has been a great learning experience for the doctors, the staff and even our clients. We have enjoyed meeting and interacting with all the animals and people that have come to visit us at our state-of-the-art facility.

The veterinary field, like other medical professions, relies on its clients to help it grow. Please invite a friend or colleague to visit us with their pet. East-West Animal Hospital has established a rewards program with bonuses and client incentives. The rewards program is simple: For every dollar you or your referral spend at East-West Animal Hospital (EWAH) you receive a point. When you collect 200 points you receive \$5.00 in rewards bucks that are good toward products at EWAH and other select local merchants. So please refer early and often and make sure they let us know you sent them.

-Every month we want to feature you, the client, and your amazing pet in our newsletter. Drop us a line or send us an e-mail to team@eastwestanimalhospital.com about your special pet. Please include a little write up of why yours is the most special pet in the world and please include a picture. If selected, your pet will gain worldwide fame in the newsletter and on our website at www.eastwestanimalhospital.com.