

## HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!!

### A letter from East West Animal Hospital:

The staff members of East West Animal Hospital are very knowledgeable. Each of us here at East West has a different skill set and all of us have something to learn and something to teach. Every member of our team has their strengths as well as their limitations; It is our goal to allow our strengths to grow and for us to push past our limitations through increases learning opportunities.

We do our best to be a unified and Cooperative team. We promote continuing education opportunities and have weekly staff meetings as well as training sessions at various times throughout each month. Information regarding educational lectures on relevant topics in the veterinary field of medicine is made easily accessible. Our doctors and staff frequently attend seminars to further their knowledge. It is our mission to enhance the careers of our staff members and assist them in reaching all of their career goals. Knowledge and understanding are the keys to success.

Our number one goal here at East West, is protecting your pet's wellbeing, because your pet's health is our passion. We make it our mission to provide your pet with the best care possible to live a long and fulfilled healthy, happy life.

We believe in preventative medicine to establish and preserve a strong immune system in pets. We do our best to relay information on maintaining pet wellness with you, our treasured pet parents. You are the most important advocate for your pet. We at East West welcome your questions, comments, and suggestions. We are here to serve you and your pets. It is our goal to make your pets feel very comfortable and we want every visit with us to be a pleasant and enjoyable one. We look forward to prolonged, lasting relationships with each and every patient and pet parent. We value your input and thank you for your support.

-Jade Sceusa



### **Signs Your Pet Needs Attention Immediately:**

- Vomiting/Diarrhea
- Unintended weight-loss/gain
- Change in appetite-decreased or increased
- Change in normal activity level:
  - Lethargy
  - Hyperactivity
  - Restlessness
- Limping
- Sudden inability to move back legs or collapse
- Crying when touched
- Clumsy/disoriented behavior
- Seizures
- Any loss of consciousness
- Coughing (especially at night)
- Any difficult or labored breathing
- Any blue, purple, or pale hue to the tongue or gums
- Excessive drooling
- Change in urination:
  - Location
  - Frequency
  - Amount
  - Color
  - Smell
- Straining in the litter box without producing urine
- Panting in a cat
- Bloated abdomen
- Sneezing excessively
- Uncontrolled bleeding from any orifice
- Bruising anywhere
- Any unusual odor or hair loss
- Runny nose, eyes, or squinting



### **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

### **Did you know?**

Enter the Adopt-a-Turkey program from Farm Sanctuary, an animal protection organization. Ellen Degeneres is the spokesperson for Farm Sanctuary's 2010 "Adopt-a-Turkey Project" which raises awareness about the conditions of factory turkey farms. Spoiler Alert: The conditions are really bad. Adopt-a-Turkey works like adopting a child in Africa – you adopt by financially supporting them, not by physically bringing them home, which makes it possible for anyone to "adopt." To financially support a factory-farmed turkey for its brief life, check out the Adopt-a-Turkey website.



### **A couple thanksgiving warnings:**

(For you and fluffy)

Watch what you are cooking. Your oven is not a fire proof box. Foods can and do set on fire.

Do not put anything flammable by an open flame. This includes things on your body (like long hair, or your cool wide dangly sleeves) and things on the counter (Potholders, Towels, Books, Papers etc.).

Beware of children, babies and animals. You want to keep them away from fire, hot things, sharp objects and electrical devices.

Pets are another special safety concern. Be careful with them and when you have guests be sure they are well prepped and know the rules of feeding your pets.



### **Foods to avoid feeding your pets:**

Avoid letting animals consume:

- Alcoholic Beverages
- Avocado
- Bones from fish, poultry, or other meat sources
- Chocolate
- Currants
- Coffee
- Citrus oils
- Fat trimmings
- Fish
- Grapes or raisins
- Hops
- Human vitamins containing Iron
- Macadamia nuts
- Milk and other dairy products
- Moldy foods
- Mushrooms
- Onions (raw or cooked)
- Persimmons
- Pits from fruit
- Raw eggs
- Raw meat
- Rhubarb leaves
- Salt
- String
- Sugary foods
- Table scraps
- Tobacco
- Yeast dough
- Xylitol

### **For Adoption this month!**



Bella is about a year and a half to two years old. She is a spayed indoor cat who is good with other animals once she warms up to them. Bella has had all of her shots and is up-to-date on them. Please contact East West Animal Hospital at 813-948-6534 or go online to [www.eastwestanimalhospital.com](http://www.eastwestanimalhospital.com) to download the adoption form and bring it in.