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PAW-SOME PET NEWS

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The Paws & Presents Edition



Honoring Veterinary Medicine Worldwide

On International Day of Veterinary Medicine, we celebrate the dedication, compassion, and expertise of veterinary professionals around the globe. From healing pets to protecting public health, their work touches lives in countless ways. Today, we honor the heart behind the science—and the care that keeps our animal companions thriving. We thank you, Dr. Jess, for making a difference in the lives of pets and their families.

Breaking Mews

We're excited to share that Tiffany has been working hard on a brand-new **Feline Health Resource Section** on our website! This dedicated space is designed to help cat owners keep their feline family members thriving at every stage of life.

From preventative screenings and stress-free vet visit tips to guidance on nutrition, behavior, and senior care, you'll find practical advice and trusted information all in one place.

Explore the resource today and discover how small steps can make a big difference in your cat's health and happiness.

<https://www.ballchathamvet.com/feline-resources>



-Tobias

Howliday Pet safety tips

1. Watch the festive foods, avoid giving pets table scraps. Foods like chocolate, grapes, onions, garlic, and fatty meats can be toxic or cause digestive issues.
2. Avoid edible or fragile ornaments that pets might chew.
3. Beware of seasonal plants. Poinsettias, mistletoe, and holly can be harmful if ingested. Opt for pet-safe alternatives.
4. Keep cords and candles away.
5. Create a calm space. Holiday guests and noise can stress pets.
6. Mind the tinsel, ribbons, and wrapping paper can be tempting but dangerous if swallowed. Clean up promptly after gift opening.
7. Secure your Christmas tree to prevent tipping if pets climb or bump it.
8. Update ID tags and microchip info before holiday travel.

Pawful winter

- Cold weather care: Short-haired dogs may need sweaters for outdoor walks. Limit time outside in freezing temps.
- Paw protection: Ice, salt, and de-icing chemicals can irritate paws. Rinse and dry after walks.
- Senior pets: Arthritis can worsen in cold weather. Watch for stiffness or reluctance to move.

Paws and reflect

As the year winds down, we want to thank you for trusting us with your pets. Your love and loyalty inspire everything we do. If you are still looking for the perfect gift for your pet or a fellow animal lover? **Our Gift Shop** is stocked with toys, and goodies for dogs, cats, and humans alike. Come browse and find something special! If you would like to make gift giving easier, we also have E-gift cards available. Copy this link, choose the E-Gift card, pick your amount and fill out the form.
<https://app.squareup.com/gift/M2C9FRZFSQB09/order>.

Our clinic will be **closing at noon on Christmas Eve**, we will reopen on Monday, December 29th with normal business hours. Please plan ahead for prescription refills, food orders, or routine appointments before the holiday break. We wish you and your furry family members a safe, joyful holiday season!



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