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PAW-SOME PET NEWS

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No Pointless Appointments



Pet poison prevention month

Every year, pets get into things they definitely shouldn't — and many common household items can be more dangerous than we realize. Pet Poison Prevention Week is a great reminder to take a quick look around your home and make sure curious noses stay out of trouble.

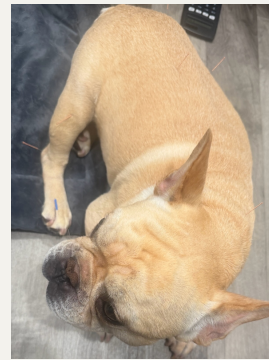
Top Household Hazards

- Human medications (pain relievers, antidepressants, cold meds)
- Foods like chocolate, grapes/raisins, xylitol, onions, and garlic
- Houseplants such as lilies, pothos, and sago palms
- Cleaning supplies and chemicals
- Rodent poisons and insecticides
- Essential oils (especially around cats)

How to prevent accidents

- Store medications and cleaners in closed cabinets
- Keep food out of reach — especially for countersurfing pets
- Double-check plants before bringing them home
- Know your pet's habits and "trouble zones"

If you think your pet was exposed act quickly. Call us or the **Pet Poison Helpline at 855-764-7661** right away. Fast action can make all the difference.



Meet Rosco

Rosco has been visiting us for acupuncture to support his recovery from intervertebral disc disease (IVDD). His treatments focus on reducing inflammation along his spine, improving comfort, and helping him regain mobility.

Acupuncture can be a gentle, effective therapy for pets with IVDD by encouraging better nerve function, relaxing tight muscles, and supporting the body's natural healing processes. Roscoe has been responding beautifully, and we're so proud of the progress he's making.

We're cheering him on every step of the way.

Acupuncture: Because even pets need a little pin-tervention sometimes

We're excited to share that Dr. Jess has been perusing certification in Acupuncture for your furry family members. **What is Acupuncture?** It uses very small, thin needles placed at specific points on the body to help support healing, reduce pain, and improve overall comfort.

These points can help the body release natural pain-relieving chemicals and reduce inflammation. Acupuncture is perfect for pets who may benefit from:

- Relief from arthritis or joint discomfort
- Support with recovery after injury or surgery
- Reduced anxiety and improved relaxation
- Enhanced quality of life for senior pets

Let's make 2026 a fur-tastic year filled with wagging tails, happy purrs, and healthy, thriving pets. We can't wait to continue this journey with you!

March 23rd is National puppy day

A whole day dedicated the wiggles, the zoomies, the floppy ears, the puppy-breath kisses, and every tiny tornado of joy that walks through our doors. Whether they're 8 weeks or 18 years, every dog is a puppy at heart. It's basically an excuse to shower them with extra snuggles... as if we needed one.

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