



Glenview Animal Hospital

Bringing a new look to veterinary medicine



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Website Complete!

Finally! We are so excited to have completed our website. There are many companies out there to set up a quick website, but we had a vision and we were fortunate to have a friend and former employee, Chris McAvoy, who was able to take our vision and bring it to fruition. Dawn brought her artistic eye to the project and we are quite proud of the site. Like many websites, we will make changes and additions along the way, but we hope that you will enjoy the site and learn from the information and links.

The site features a portal that will allow you to log into your pet's medical record. You will be able to view your pet's vaccination schedule and other information as well. The site will also allow you to send us emails requesting medication refills. In addition, we will be able to incorporate email reminders and e-newsletters sent to you. Watch for an email with your own personal password to log in.

Two pet galleries will be in place to view pictures of our adorable four legged friends. One will be for our new patients and one will have pictures that you email us to share on the site. We are really looking forward to seeing your pets in their home settings.



There are many links to sites that we feel are reputable. These may help to answer questions when we are not here to help you.

Come visit us at:

www.glenviewanimalhospital.com

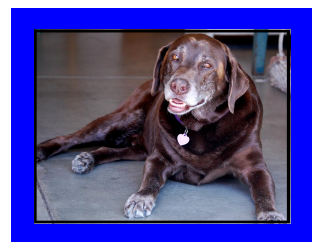
Losing Weight! Adding Life!

Like humans, our four legged friends are at a greater risk for developing health issues if they are overweight or obese. Just a couple of pounds can make a difference. Some of the risks associated with obesity are: diabetes, kidney disease, heart disease, fatigue, reduced mobility, increased pain from

arthritis, and a shortened life expectancy. Meet Jackson. In February at his Senior Examination, Jackson had gotten up to 91lbs. In September, he was down to 79lbs. He is breathing more easily and getting around a lot better. Like Jackson, many of our patients are living healthier

lives.

Ask us how we can help develop a weight loss plan for



Cats Are Cool Cause...



They walk all over us.

Their motors keep our laps warm.



They teach us how to chill.

Their wacky antics make us smile.



They butt heads with us to show love.

But cats often hide their illnesses from us.

Because of this, if your cat shows any of these signs, please be sure to contact us. They are truly masters of disguise.

- ◆ Changes in chewing, eating, and drinking habits
- ◆ Decreased food intake or not eating at all
- ◆ Drastic weight gain or loss
- ◆ Changes in activity level including sleeping more or hyperactivity
- ◆ Increased vocalization
- ◆ Increased urination and/or accidents
- ◆ Inability to urinate (this is an emergency situation)
- ◆ Grooms less or excessively
- ◆ Acts out of character



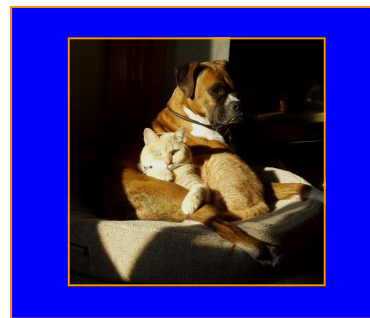
Our feline friends often do not show us they are sick until they are very ill. Wellness visits once or twice a year are important for our Cool Cats.

Has Your Pet's Behavior Changed?

Our pets can't tell us when they are in pain; but their behavior can.

As cooler weather sets in, we see more of our patients exhibiting signs of osteoarthritis. Pain caused by arthritis is often what slows our older pets down. By managing your pet's pain, we can improve your pet's mobility and quality of life. Our pets show pain in different ways than we do. They may express pain by changes in their behavior such as:

- ◆ Lying down or resting more than usual
- ◆ Reduced desire to play or interact with us
- ◆ Difficulty rising from a resting position
- ◆ Reluctance to walk, run, or jump
- ◆ Trouble climbing stairs
- ◆ Aggressive or defensive reactions to touch
- ◆ Uncharacteristic barking or hiding



Take the short quiz below. If you are noticing signs that your pet may be having some difficulties, contact us so that we can examine them and get them on the road to feeling better.

Does your pet greet you enthusiastically?	Yes	No
Does your dog need help jumping into the car or on stairs?	Yes	No
Is your cat reluctant to jump on the furniture or counters?	Yes	No
Is your pet losing muscle tone?	Yes	No
Does your pet tire more easily when going for walks or playing?	Yes	No
Has your pet's temperament changed?	Yes	No
more irritable sleeping more lost interest in toys/playing		
Does your pet walk differently than he/she once did?	Yes	No
slow to rise reluctant to walk limping favoring one side		

Ask us about the signs of osteoarthritis and how we can help your pet feel better.

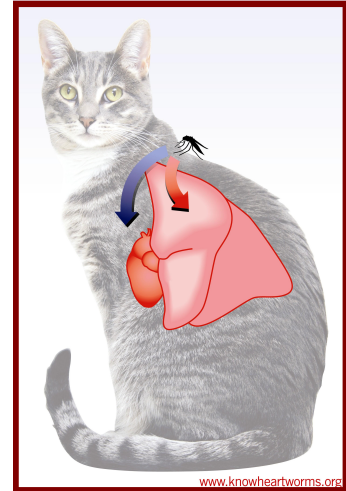
Feline Heartworm Disease

A new study from Auburn University has indicated that heartworm disease in cats is a far bigger issue than previously thought. Cats can get heartworm infection through the simple bite of an infected mosquito. Studies have shown: Indoor cats are just as susceptible to infection when mosquitoes enter our home.

Once bitten, immature heartworms are transmitted and the heartworm lifecycle begins. The larval worms then start their journey through the body, ultimately affecting the heart, blood vessels, and lungs.

A cat's body is designed to respond and kill foreign invaders, including heartworm larvae before they develop into adults. As the cat's body responds, the intense inflammatory reaction causes severe damage to the lung tissue. This disease state is clinically recognized as **Heartworm Associated Respiratory Disease or H.A.R.D.** Once this damage to the lung tissue occurs, it is not reversible and there is no treatment to remove the adult heartworms from a cat.

With this new information we are now recommending ALL CATS be put on Revolution year round. Revolution is a broad spectrum parasiticide that in addition to preventing heartworm, also prevents intestinal parasites, ear mites, and fleas.



Rabies Vaccination: It's the Law!

With the economy the way it is, many of us have been watching where we spend our money. Unfortunately, some of our patients have gotten behind with their vaccinations. Did you know that it is a county law to vaccinate our pets for rabies? Did you know that if you do not vaccinate and your pet is suspected of biting someone that your pet will have to be hospitalized for 10 days? The expense to board your pet, rabies observation examinations and then vaccination can cost up to \$500. The cost to keep your pet vaccinated and in compliance with local laws is so much less. Prevention is the best.

Specials Continue

We have been very fortunate that this year we were able to offer some great rebates on our Heartworm and Flea and Tick products. We would like to thank the manufacturers for offering these specials to you that are not available online or in a store. We know that they will continue through the end of the year, so check your supply.

Heartgard + buy 12 and get \$12 mailed back to you

Frontline + buy 3 get 1 free or buy 6 and get 2 free

Revolution buy 6 get 1 free or buy 10 and get 2 free

Advantix buy 6 get 1 free



Remember, if your pet goes to the groomer, day care, boarding or goes on walks, they may be exposed to parasites year round. Consider the use of one of these preventive medications rather than risk your pet contracting one of the parasites they prevent. Ask us which is best for your pet!



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Did you know.....

- 🐾 30 percent of a cat's life is spent grooming itself
- 🐾 It takes \$10,000 to train a federally-certified search and rescue dog.
- 🐾 18 muscles are needed to move a dog's ear
- 🐾 There are 473 tastebuds on a cat's tongue
- 🐾 Dogs have 1,700 tastebuds on their tongue!
- 🐾 2.5" x 3.5": size of the smallest adult dog on record, a matchbox-sized Yorkshire Terrier.
- 🐾 1 in 5 dogs suffer from arthritis
- 🐾 54 percent of pets sleep in their owner's bed

