

# PAWSITIVE POST

April  
2023



OPEN THE 1ST & 3RD

*Saturday*

OF EVERY MONTH

Open  
Sat. 4/1  
& Sat. 4/15

## SPRING HAS SPRUNG!

As we enter the sunny Spring season, we want to extend our heart-felt appreciation to our clients for their loyalty & patience as we've navigated all the obstacles that come along with a change in ownership and the chaos of renovations. That being said, we are working constantly towards bringing you & your furry family members the ultimate Veterinary experience. We encourage open communication about your visit, both what you enjoyed and what we could do to improve. We'll do our

INTRODUCING

*Wellness Plans*



We really don't like keeping secrets from you, but trust us... this one was worth the wait. These have been in the works for quite some time now and we are elated to finally announce the launch of Wellness Plans for every stage of your pet's life!

What's a Wellness Plan, you ask? Well, you curious cat, you - the purpose of a Wellness Plan is to break down that scary annual visit cost into more manageable monthly installments. It's like a reward for being responsible.

Your pet's health is incredibly important to us, and now, with the price of everything on the rise - we all could use a little budgeting help.

Ask a team member, and keep an eye on our socials for more information!

4.30.2023 *Adopt a Day*  
**SHELTER PET**



Though it would be amazing, adoption just isn't in the cards for everyone. Fortunately there are many other ways you can support your local shelters & help the animals that reside there while they await their forever homes.

- Donate supplies such as food, toys, blankets, and cleaning supplies.
- Volunteer your time to walk dogs, play with cats, or help with administrative tasks.
- Foster animals in your home until they find their forever homes.
- Spread awareness about the shelter and its adoptable pets through social media and word-of-mouth.
- Fundraise for the shelter through events, online donations, or corporate sponsors.

# FEAR FREE

LFPH has the short term goal of becoming Fear Free certified. Our hospital and staff share the same ideals as the people that created this approach. We have been making consistent subtle efforts towards creating a space where you & your pet feel welcomed. We know coming to the Vet can feel stressful, almost like a chore - we want to change that! Dr. Allie is fear free certified, & Dr. Moore & 3 assistants are currently in the process of getting their certification as we speak!



“ My goal is to promote the idea of practices adjusting their methods to create fear-free visits, and also to educate pet owners about how they can help make the experience more tolerable, or even downright enjoyable. ”

DR. MARTY BECKER, DVM  
FOUNDER OF 'FEAR FREE'

Sierra

Employee Spotlight



## Veterinary Assistant

Raised amongst horses and cattle right here in Livermore, Sierra is no stranger to caring for animals of all shapes and sizes. She can be seen around the hospital drinking out of her cowprint tumblr, dancing out her confusion and making use of her puppy whispering abilities.

The small yet mighty Sierra is known for being even-tempered, dependable and downright silly. She is a ton of fun to work with and she treats each patient with respect and compassion. She's been at Livermore Family Pet Hospital for about

2 years and we hope she'll be around for many more to come! Ultimately, she plans to work with large animals like the true cowgirl she is.

In December she attained her Associates of Sciences degree in Animal Science from Modesto Junior College, we can't wait to see her accomplish her next goal of getting her Registered Veterinary Technician (RVT) license.

**DID YOU KNOW**  
that you can text us at our hospital phone number??  
(925) 447-1420



## April is Heartworm Awareness Month

Heartworms are foot long worms that infest the lungs, heart & blood vessels of our pets. They can cause major damage to organ systems including failure. These nasty parasites are spread from mammal to mammal and transmitted as larvae by mosquitoes.

A question we get often is "why do I have to test for Heartworm if my pet has been taking her HeartGard?". The short answer is that though Heartworm prevention is effective, nothing is 100% - this is the same concept as sunscreen. Heartworms can live for up to 7 years in dogs & 3 years in cats.

## EDUCATE COMMUNICATE CONNECT



We hold the world in our pockets. Technology has evolved to a place where we can have answers to just about any question in mere seconds... we think VetMed should evolve right along with it. Social Media is a fantastic tool that allows people of all walks of life to connect. We believe staying connected with all of you can only benefit both parties. We have Facebook, Instagram and now TikTok as well!

We look forward to sharing the

many different sides of Veterinary Medicine with you, the highs, the lows, and everything in between. The main goal of our accounts is obviously to show off our patients (because they're the best) but also to educate and maintain a relationship with our clients. If there's any questions you have about pet health care in general or for our practice specifically, reach out & let us know so we can answer it in a video!

All that being said, we welcome you to document your experience as well. Feel free to take pictures and videos during your visit and of course, tag & follow us.



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