

PAWSITIVE POST

February
2023

Veterinary Dental Month – Dog Training Education Month – National Cat Health Month – Responsible Pet owners Month – Spay/Neuter Awareness Month



As we enter the second month of 2023, 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. 2022 was quite the beginning, we've made physical changes to the hospital and the way it operates, we've welcomed new staff to the team, we've learned, we've laughed, we've cried. and we've grown. We're excited to see what the rest of this year brings.



HAPPY Valentine's Day



Show Your Arthritic Cat Love With...

Solensia™
(frunevetmab injection)

What is Solensia? Solensia is a monthly injection that helps your cat get back to normal. OA has no cure, but the pain it causes can now be effectively managed.

How does it work? Unlike NSAIDS, Solensia is a biological therapy that acts as a naturally occurring, cat - specific antibody designed to recognize and attach to a protein called nerve growth factor (NGF). It prevents the pain signal from reaching the brain.

WORLD SPAY DAY (FEB. 28TH)

In February we observe World Spay/Neuter month ending with World Spay Day being held on the last Tuesday of the month (2/28/23). World Spay Day advocates spaying & neutering as a proven means of saving the lives of companion animals, community (feral & stray) cats, and street dogs who might otherwise be put down in a shelter due to extreme overpopulation or killed on the street.

The day aims to spread awareness on the long-term health benefits of spaying/neutering your pets. Not only does it enable your furry friends to live longer lives (according to the Humane Society), it also helps keep shelter and stray population down. By using this national holiday as a reminder, be sure to check with your Veterinarian about the best time to spay/neuter your pet, which may vary by age, weight & sex.

BENEFITS OF SPAYING/NEUTERING

REDUCE
Spraying & Marking



REDUCE
Roaming



REDUCE
Aggression



LOWER
Risk Of Cancers



DECREASE
Overpopulation

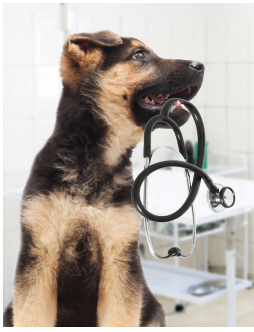


INCREASE
Lifespan



WALK-IN

Life doesn't always happen on a schedule. We understand that unexpected medical issues can arise and you don't always have the luxury of waiting for an available appointment. That's why we've decided to offer walk-in and admission appointments. If life throws you a curveball, as it tends to do, we're here for your pet. Just give us a call & head on over!



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.

OPEN THE 1ST & 3RD



Saturday

Starting this March!

OF EVERY MONTH

Dog Training

One of the most important things you can do for your dog is to provide proper training. Training your dog helps create a bond between you and your pet, as well as teaches them how to behave in different situations. It can also help to reduce problem behaviors, such as excessive barking, jumping, and chewing, as well as helping them to learn basic commands like sit, stay, and come. Training can also help to keep your pet safe, as it can help them learn to pay attention to their surroundings and respond quickly to commands when out on walks or in public. All in all, training your dog is an important part of forming a loving and lasting relationship.

- 1 Establish a daily routine for your dog; set aside time for training, exercise, and play.
- 2 Start with basic commands such as sit, stay, come, and leave it; **use positive reinforcement** when your dog follows the command.
- 3 Make sure to give your dog plenty of time for play and walks; these activities can help to burn off excess energy, which will make training easier.
- 4 Break down commands into small steps; this will help your dog to understand and learn the command more quickly.
- 5 Be consistent with your commands and rewards; this will help your dog to understand that certain behaviors are expected of them.

50%

off whole mouth dental x-rays during the month of February

Applies to dentals that are scheduled in February, even if procedure doesn't take place until a later date.

SIGNS OF DENTAL DISEASE

in your pet



- Change in eating habits
- brownish tartar
- Excessive drooling
- Worse than usual breath
- Swollen gums (Periodontitis, Gingivitis)
- Bleeding gums (look for blood on chew toys, drool etc.)
- Pawing at mouth, oral discomfort

DENTAL CARE DO'S & DON'TS



- Check your pet's mouth for abnormalities once a month.
- Invest in chew toys to help remove tartar from teeth
- Look for food/treats formulated for dental health & approved by the veterinary Oral Health Council (VOHC)



- Ignore the signs of dental disease in your pet
- Use human toothpaste, Fluoride is very dangerous for pets
- Give up.

