



We thank you for choosing our practice to provide the best care for your pet!



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If you haven't already "liked" our Fan Page, please do so at www.facebook.com/OaktonViennaVet or search for "Oakton-Vienna" next time you're logged on.

We're using the page to announce food recalls, medical information for pets (and their caretakers), fun facts and more.

Gulf Coast Oil Spill Help

Want to help clean up the Gulf Coast oil spill? Save your pet's fur and send it to Matter of Trust, a company that makes oil absorbent hair mats and oil containment booms. Go to www.MatterofTrust.com to learn more.



For your convenience, OVVH sends Reminders, Pet Health Alerts, and other important info via e-mail.

Please make sure we have your current e-mail address!

Thank you! 😊

Warm Weather Safety Tips



Your Pet's Fur ... Hair is a natural insulator whether it is warm or cool. In the summer, an animal's coat insulates against sun, heat and insect bites. Regular brushing removes dirt and loose undercoat, which cleans and cools your pet. When you brush, check around the ears, between toes, along the legs, at the lower abdomen and base of tail for skin irritation, fleas and ticks.

Parasite Patrol... OVVH carries various flea and tick products to help keep your pets parasite free. Dogs are at an increased risk of contracting heartworm during the summer. Transmitted by a bite from an infected mosquito, heartworm disease can be fatal if not treated. Please ensure your pet is receiving heartworm preventative today!

Companion Animals & Cars... Allowing your canine companion to stick his head out the window is asking for trouble. Doing so can subject your pet to injury by flying debris. Never leave your pet unattended in a parked car. On warm days, the temp in your car can rise to 120 degrees in minutes, even with the windows slightly open.

Be Careful of the Heat... Even if you park in the shade and there's a nice breeze blowing outside, the temperature inside a car can go to dangerous levels within minutes. Pets cannot perspire to cool themselves. The movement of air into and out of their lungs helps them to maintain their normal body temperature. Panting and salivation are signs that your pet is overheating.



Car Safety for your Pet

After seeing a dog for some minor injuries after a small car accident, we want to pass along some safety tips to help keep your fluffy friend safe in the vehicle.

-If your dog or cat is small enough, use a carrier to keep him or her confined. Buckle the carrier into the back seat, if possible.

-Larger dogs can be crated, also, if you have enough room in the vehicle.

-If you are unable to crate your pup, use a seat belt harness and buckle him into the back seat or, if you have an SUV, in the cargo area. There are many types available at stores and online.

-Don't allow your pet to be free in the car. In the event of an accident, she may be thrown with enough force to sustain serious injuries.

-Don't keep your pet in the front seat, whether he's harnessed or crated. Air bags deploy with a lot of force and can easily cause injuries. Also, the dashboard and the windshield are the first areas hit by animals in the front seat during an accident. If they're in the rear seat, they're more likely to hit the padded back of the front seats.



Tips for a Happy Healthy Pet

Continue Training

Your pet never stops learning, and training should be reinforced throughout your pet's life will ...

Exercise

Exercise appropriate to your pet's age and breed.

Be a Confident Leader

Don't dominate your pet. Be a good teacher and help build his confidence. Encourage and reward good behavior.

Improve Diet

Many behavior and medical problems can be attributed to poor diet, so make sure your pet is eating the very best diet.

Bond

Do an activity that you both enjoy together.

Take Precautions

Have your pet microchipped and don't forget his annual checkup with us!

Keep Your Pet Safe

Don't leave your pet alone outside or in a car.

Have Fun and Enjoy Your Pet!

Peanut Butter Dog Biscuits

*2 Tablespoons Corn Oil
1 Cup Whole Wheat Flour
1/2 Cup Peanut Butter
2 Cup White Flour
1 Cup Water*



Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.

Combine oil, peanut butter, and water. Add flour, one cup at a time, then knead into firm dough. Roll dough to 1/2" thickness and cut with cookie cutter. Place on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes. Makes about 2 1/2 dozen!

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www.dogster.com

www.catster.com

www.hsus.org

Check out our website at
www.ovvhpets.com
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