



LAKEWOOD PET GAZETTE

THE LAKEWOOD LATEST

We hope you had a happy holiday season and are enjoying the beginning of the New Year. In the past few months, we have welcomed a new veterinary assistant, Kennedy, and a new Licensed Veterinary Technician, Hope, to the Lakewood Team. They look forward to helping the team serve our wonderful clients and patients in 2024!

NEW PATIENT SPOTLIGHT



KAILUA



PEPPER



MISSY



BEETHOVEN



NEW KITTEN OR PUPPY? WE ARE ACCEPTING NEW PATIENTS!

CALL US AT 540-972-2203 TO SET UP YOUR NEW PET'S APPOINTMENT.





LAKEWOOD'S RETRACTABLE LEASH POLICY

For the safety of our patients, clients, and staff, Lakewood no longer allows retractable leashes inside the building.

No need to purchase a new leash. We provide slip leads for you just inside the front door. You can even take one home to keep in your car as your pup's exclusive Lakewood leash!

Why the new policy?

- Retractable leashes offer too much freedom and not enough control. This means dogs can approach other dogs or people who may not want to interact with them. We treat a lot of sick and injured dogs here, making it an inappropriate place for dogs to interact with each other.
- The handles are bulky, and we find clients drop them, allowing their dog to run towards other animals and clients. A dropped leash also occasionally sends us running to catch a dog darting towards the open front door. Dangerous!
- These leashes are so long they easily get tangled around people's legs, potentially causing serious injury.
- Sudden stops that happen from the dog getting to the end of the retractable leash may cause back, neck, and tracheal injuries to dogs.

The Facts:

From 2001 to 2018, the American Journal for Emergency Medicine tracked human injuries requiring emergency room treatment related to retractable dog leashes. Of those injuries, 193,000 were from pulling and 136,000 were from becoming entangled. The most common injuries were fractures, strain or sprain, or contusion, usually from the leash breaking. On his website, Dr. Garret Patchtinger, a board-certified emergency/critical care veterinarian, says the most common canine injuries he sees from retractable leashes are neck strains or displacement of a vertebra from the dog suddenly pulling hard and fast, or a variety of injuries when a person falls because the leash has wrapped around their legs. Dogs can also suffer eye injuries if the leash breaks and can suffer torn larynxes from pulling too hard.

Above all, the doctors and staff of Lakewood want your pets to be as safe and comfortable as possible while in our care and are happy to discuss any questions or concerns brought up by our pet parents.



Walking in a Winter Wonderland

PET SAFETY TIPS

When the weather outside is frightful, follow these tips for walking your dog:

■ Bundle them up!

With a well-insulated, weather-resistant coat.

■ Protect paws

With booties, balms or wax, and wipe well before coming back inside.

■ Exercise indoors

On dangerously cold days, limit time outside to a few minutes. Stay active indoors with puzzle toys, obstacle courses, etc.

■ Look out for antifreeze

Dogs are attracted to the sweet taste. Just a few licks can be fatal.

■ Pay attention to body language

Whining, lifting or licking paws, and shivering mean it's too cold for your pet.

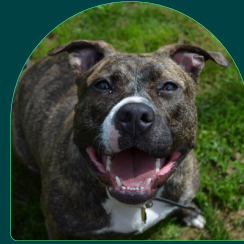
■ Have the proper gear:

- Bottled water (so they're not tempted to eat snow)
- Reflective LED collar/leash/harness
- Heated dog bed for warming up afterwards
- ID and microchip

Puppies, senior dogs, short-coated dogs, and pets with certain medical conditions are more susceptible to hypothermia.

Talk to our vets if you have questions about winter safety.





DOG BREEDS WORD SCRAMBLE

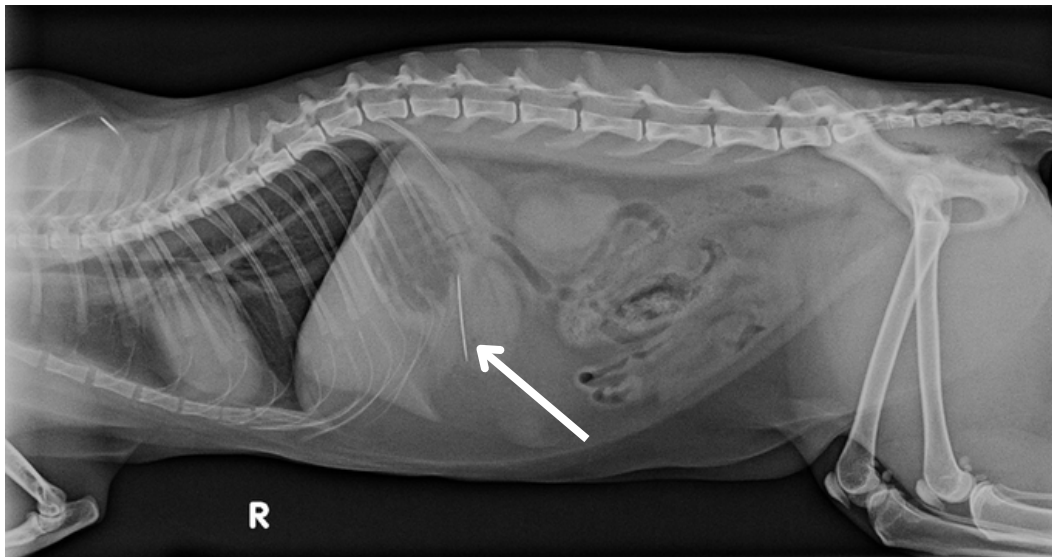
Unscramble the letters to solve the puzzle!

1. OGELDN RREVIEERT
2. YKUHS
3. DOLPOE
4. BOALRARD ERIVRERTE
5. RMAGEN EPREHHDS
6. EIRBSIAN KUHSY
7. SRIHI SETRTE
8. EORTWRIELT
9. TABSES ONDHU
10. AASKALN LEMTAAUM
11. ULLDGBO
12. EONABDMR
13. XBEOR
14. RMAAPNEINO
15. DOGIN
16. UCHUAHAIH
17. RERYIHSKO RERTERI
18. SUAHDNDHC
19. OLCILE
20. EGBALE

Case Study: Paws and Needles, A Tail Of A Sew-eet Recovery

By Dr. Amy Olson, DVM

This kitty grabbed something off the kitchen table and ran from the owner approximately four days prior to his visit. Since then, he had vomited a few times. We took an x-ray to see what he may have ingested.



You can see a sewing needle in his stomach. We immediately took him into surgery to remove this. The sewing needle was easily removed, and the kitty was sent home a few hours after the procedure. The owner reported he was eating well the next morning and never looked back!

DOG BREEDS WORD SCRAMBLE ANSWER KEY

GOLDEN RETRIEVER

HUSKY

POODLE

LABRADOR RETRIEVER

GERMAN SHEPHERD

SIBERIAN HUSKY

IRISH SETTER

ROTTWEILER

BASSET HOUND

ALASKAN MALAMUTE

BULLDOG

DOBERMAN

BOXER

POMERANIAN

DINGO

CHIHUAHUA

YORKSHIRE TERRIER

DACHSHUND

COLLIE

BEAGLE



LAKWOOD
ANIMAL HOSPITAL

Feeding Your Cat

To live a long, healthy life, your cat needs proper nutrition. Here are some things to consider when selecting an appropriate diet for your cat.

Cats are obligate carnivores, which means that they rely on nutrients found only in animal products. Cats evolved as hunters that consume prey that contains high amounts of protein, moderate amounts of fat, and a minimal amount of carbohydrates, and their diet still requires these general proportions today. Commercially prepared cat foods have been developed to give your cat the correct balance of nutrients and calories. Basic minimum nutritional requirements for cats have been established by the Feline Nutrition Expert (FNE) Subcommittee of the Association of American Feed Control Officials (AAFCO), and manufacturers use these standards in producing cat foods.

Although many cats are content to eat a single food, some cats may develop finicky eating habits and become very selective about what foods they'll accept. Feeding your cat two or three different cat foods provides flavor variety, and may prevent your cat from developing an exclusive preference for a single food. A cat that refuses to eat can develop serious medical problems. This is true for sick cats that lack an appetite, for cats on a diet, and for the finicky cat that refuses to eat. A veterinarian should examine any cat that refuses to eat and is losing weight.

