



Arbor Animal News

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Staff Pet Photo Contest

We need you! Vote today!

Employees get the opportunity to show off their furry family members during our staff pet photo contest. Categories will include *best photo*, *best dog*, *best cat* and *best friends*. Only our clients get to vote so.....come in now through April 30th and vote for your favorites! Winners will get posted on our facebook site and, most importantly, have bragging rights.

Doctors Corner: Lepto

Leptospirosis is a disease in dogs and humans (rare in cats) which is worldwide and can be very dangerous as well as fatal. The bacteria is spread by rodents and wildlife who can carry the bacteria. It is then passed to dogs or water or soil where dogs become exposed. Humans can get Lepto from infected dogs and the number of cases seen in dogs has increased dramatically and appears to be on the rise. Dogs who live an outdoor lifestyle such as hunting dogs have been considered at greater risk, but even house dogs are being seen with this deadly disease more and more, as were the cases seen by Dr. Davies recently. She diagnosed Lepto in a three year old dog brought in by a client. Ellie was in kidney and liver failure. After great effort by Dr. Davies and our dedicated staff and great expense for the owner, Ellie recovered. Sadly, the owner's other beloved thirteen year old dog, Hunny, became ill soon thereafter with Lepto and unfortunately was too sick to recover from the illness.

We offer Lepto vaccination as an optional vaccine but **strongly encourage** all dog owners to consider discussing this with our vets and protecting their dogs from this deadly and emerging disease, especially as we begin to see more cases in household pet dogs.



AAC Six-Month Weight Loss Challenge: Final

17 families took on the challenge to help their pets lose weight. After 6 months of dedication 12 dogs and 5 cats lost a total of 80.6 pounds! The **1st place winner** is our canine friend "Cali" Dalton who lost 19.8% of her body weight! In **2nd place**, representing the felines is "Zeus" Stark who lost 17.8%. **3rd place** is held by "Liesel" Lyons who lost 16.5%. Customized diet plans recommended by the patients' Doctors helped families succeed during the weight loss challenge. Come in and see the before and after pictures of our prize winners and all of the pets who completed the contest. All the participants receive an Arbor Animal Clinic T-Shirt ...and all the pets are **WINNERS!***
*Except Liesel who is actually a wiener.

See us on Television:

Our doctors are participating in the Pet Stop segment on KEYE TV's 4-5pm news show **We Are Austin LIVE** every other Friday. It is a short segment discussing pet health issues. If you want to see past clips go to: www.keyetv.com and scroll down to the weareaustinLive logo and click then to the "PetStop" area to see the segments!

Big Changes: Update

We are getting very excited about all of the changes that are coming to Arbor and you. Our staff has been training on our new software and it will "go live" on May 11th. All new patients will have only electronic records and all of our current clients will have both electronic as well as paper records until we can complete the conversion. Special thanks to Sarah Roberson, our Head Receptionist, Nancee Swanson, our Hospital Manager, and Dr. Dulaney for doing so much to get this all in place. As our clients, you will immediately see and feel the difference as we are able to do so much more for your pets...and do it more efficiently. Construction for the remodeling of our clinic treatment areas, cat boarding, and new radiography department are also underway and we are all excited about the improvements. When it is complete, we want to give each of you a tour of our "new" facility. Woohoo!



Guess who is turning twenty?

Arbor Animal Clinic turns 20 years old this summer. Our practice was started July 16th, 1990 by Dr. Mark Hartwell, our present Medical Director. **Happy Birthday!**