



Arbor Animal News

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Staff Notes:

We are excited about our newest team members who joined our practice this past month .

Dr. Rebecca Davies (pronounced “davis”, it’s Welsh) joined us on June 9th. Dr. Davies received her DVM from Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine in 2008. She is originally from Anchorage, AK but has been in Texas since she was in high school. She enjoys all aspects of veterinary medicine but has special interests in internal medicine and behavior.

Dr. Abby Stephens began her employment here on June 16th. Dr. Stephens worked with us earlier this year when she chose to do her externship at Arbor. She received her DVM from Auburn College of Veterinary medicine in 2008. Originally from Lexington, KY, she received her undergraduate degree at the University of the South in Sewanee, TN. She enjoys hiking, traveling and Ultimate Frisbee. Her special interests include neurology and behavior.

There are several other new faces you may see when you bring your pet to visit. Jody Adams is one of our wonderful animal caretakers. He works mainly with the pets that are boarding here and they love him. Jason Hayes is rejoining us after gaining experience working with two specialty practices. We’re delighted to have him back! Shawn Bonney is our newest receptionist. She is replacing Kelly Wilson who left at the end of June. Liz Cherico is our newest veterinary technician. She comes to us with ten years experience at other veterinary clinics. Katie Hargis, Sam Swanson and Marjorie Hartwell are our temporary summer help. We are much busier in the summer time and the extra help is greatly appreciated by the entire staff. Tracy Mason is our newest veterinary technician. She is replacing Stephanie Samuelson . Stephanie will begin veterinary school at Texas A&M this fall. Congratulations Stephanie! We have expanded our staff and are very proud of the excellent group that help run our practice. We hope this new and growing staff will soon be the people your pet loves to come to see.



Spring Photo Contest!

Winners:

Congratulations!

Thank you to all of you who submitted photos and voted. All entries and votes are in and we are excited to announce the winners below. Each category winner will receive a \$50 clinic gift certificate. Photos are on display in our lobby. We all had a lot of fun with this contest and there are so many great photos that I am sure it was hard to choose just one best. All winners submitted and voted on only by our clients.

-Best Cat Photo “Harrison” Ahern

-Best Dog Photo “Molly” Ravina and “Gizmo” Dacy tied!

-Best Friends “Tigger and Zeus”

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-Funniest Photo “Clarke” Sandlin

All of the photos as well as the pets are precious and their grand prize is to have you,

Fun Facts: Did you know that:

- 1) The three most popular names for male pets are Max, Buddy, and Jake.
- 2) The three most popular names for female pets are Molly, Maggie, and Daisy.
- 3) Poodles have the distinction of having the longest reign as most popular dog breed in the U.S. at 22 years (1960-1982).
- 4) A pack of kittens is called a kindle while a pack of adult cats is called a clowder.
- 5) Cats have 230 bones in their body. Humans have only 206!
- 6) All dogs have pink tongues, except for Chow-chows and Shar-peis who have black tongues.
- 7) Cats spend 15-18 hours a day sleeping and 30% of their waking hours grooming themselves.

Doctor’s Corner: The 10 Most Common Poisonings in Dogs

The ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center listed the following ten as the most common dog poisonings based on the number of calls they received in a four year period. Although many dogs are exposed to potentially toxic household products and medicines, some medications are occasionally given by owners who do not realize that they are not safe for their dog. The list is:

- 1) **Ibuprofen (Advil)**—very dangerous and can lead to kidney failure in dogs.
- 2) **Chocolate**—darker chocolates and baker’s chocolate contain the most chocolate but all chocolate is dangerous to dogs.
- 3) **Ant and Roach Baits**—the traps can contain chemicals that are harmful if ingested but the plastic or metal containers may get stuck in the gut.
- 4) **Rat and Mouse Poisons**
- 5) **Acetaminophen (Tylenol)**-can lead to liver damage or failure.
- 6) **Cold Medications** which contain pseudoephedrine—an overdose can lead to heart and nervous system problems.
- 7) **Thyroid Hormones**—usually an overdose of a dog’s(or owner’s)prescription.
- 8) **Bleach**—often leads to irritation of the eyes, mouth, and intestinal tract.
- 9) **Fertilizer**—usually leads to vomiting and diarrhea but is generally not life-threatening.
- 10) **Hydrocarbons**—This includes paints, cleaners, lighter fluids, polishes, and fuel oils. Often the exposure is to the skin but may be inhaled or ingested by licking.

Although these are the most common poisonings that lead to calls to the Poison Control Center, they are not listed in terms of which is most dangerous. There are many potentially toxic household products (ex: antifreeze), medications, and toxic plants (ex: Oleander and Sago Palms) that our dogs can be exposed to. Keeping medicine (human and animal) and household chemicals out of the reach of your animals and knowing your dog’s environment will reduce the risks. We treat dogs for a wide variety of poisonings. The most common and deadly are: ibuprofen, antifreeze, rat poison, chocolate in dogs and acetaminophen (Tylenol) and antifreeze in cats.