

Staff Feature

This issue we are featuring Amber McGarey, a Client Relations Specialist, who has been working at the Suburban Animal Clinic front desk since March 2002. She has been happily married to Christopher for 3 years. Their 2 legged family consists of 7 children ranging from 15 years to 21 months. Their 4 legged pet family consists of Brutus, a Great Dane, 2 Miniature Schnauzers, a Corn Snake, and 2 rabbits. Boy is that family keeping busy!

Amber is involved with her sons' Cub Scouts, and she enjoys photography and scrapbooking. Amber and Chris love Nascar and recently came back from a Martinsville, Virginia race. Amber says, "I enjoy helping all of the Suburban Animal Clinic clients, their families and their pets, and look forward to helping them for years to come."



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AAHA Accreditation Awarded Again!

Suburban Animal Clinic is proud to be a member of the American Animal Hospital Association. Since our accreditation in 1975, we regularly have our hospital evaluated by trained consultants to make sure we comply with the Association's high veterinary hospital standards. Again we passed our October 15th evaluation with flying colors. Only 13% of veterinary hospitals in the U.S. are AAHA accredited.

Choosing an AAHA accredited Veterinary Hospital for your pet's medical care means that the hospital has the facilities, equipment, staff, and medical protocols that the AAHA believes are essential to the highest quality pet care.

This is a vital way of demonstrating our commitment to you and your pet.

- Dr. Michael Seimer, Medical Director

NEW! Laser Therapy for Your Pet

The Companion Therapy Laser is our newest health care technology for your pet. It is the latest and most advanced phototherapeutic laser system made exclusively for the treatment of animals. Designed to give your pet fast pain relief and improved healing time, our Companion Therapy Laser delivers treatment that is both safe and clinically proven.

Benefits of laser therapy include: shorter treatment times, quicker recovery from procedures, drug-free therapy, non-invasive technology and is free of side effects. Laser therapy, administered by our trained technicians, generally takes between 5 to 15 minutes and is well tolerated. We have already seen some excellent results in the few weeks that we have had the Companion Therapy Laser. Ask our doctors if your pet could benefit from this new form of treatment and visit our website www.suburbananimalclinic.com for more information. For a list of disorders that may respond to laser therapy, please see inside this newsletter.



Disorders That May Respond to Laser Therapy

- Arthritis, hip dysplasia, degenerative joint disease.
- Muscle, ligament, tendon injuries.
- Post surgical pain relief and faster healing.
- Ear inflammation and infections (acute and chronic).
- Oral lesions, gingivitis and post dental extraction therapy.
- Bite wounds, lick granulomas, hot spots, skin abrasions.
- General wound healing, cystitis, disc disease and anal gland inflammation.

- *Safe, effective, drug free* -

Ask about the Companion Therapy Laser



What's News at Suburban?

- Dr. Beth Stafford is back after maternity leave. Beth and her husband Matt welcomed daughter Ella into this world in early July. Everyone is doing fine and Dr. Stafford is working Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays and most Saturday mornings.
- We thank Dr. Shannon Cunningham for working as a summer intern July through September. Dr. Cunningham is expecting her 2nd child and will move with her family next spring to work in a practice in the Akron area, which is her home town.
- Suburban has a new Abaxis clinical chemistry analyzer that can perform in-clinic blood tests. We can do preanesthetic screens, profiles, thyroid evaluation for dogs and cats on medication, liver/kidney screening for pets on arthritis medications, and blood clotting panels. Faster, efficient, new technology allows us to take better care of your pets!
- After a busy summer and fall, especially in preparation for our AAHA evaluation, the doctors and staff were awarded with an afternoon of food, fun and games at Dave and Busters on October 23. The team led by Drs. Shardy and Stafford edged the team led by Dr. Seimer (again!) The old guy can't quite skee-ball and race car drive like he used to!

Win a Holiday Prize!

We used our Dave and Busters fun day tickets to purchase a large stuffed dog and cat. We have paired them with dog and cat accessories for 2 big holiday giveaways for our favorite people - our clients and their pets! Enter with each paid office visit/examination November 16 through December 21.

Holiday Safety Tips

Cold weather hazards - de-icing products, salt and ice can get into fur and paws, causing irritation. Wipe paws and tummy when coming in from the cold. Beware of toxic antifreeze spills.

Keep holiday decorations out of reach. Ingestion of decorative materials can lead to serious gastrointestinal medical emergencies.

Place holiday plants high off the ground - many plants may be toxic if ingested. Also, don't allow pets to drink Christmas tree water - it can be harmful, too.

In Case of Emergency

If you have an after hours or weekend emergency problem with your pet, please do not delay in calling the Columbus Veterinary Emergency Service (CVES) at 614-846-5800. Alternately you may call the Capital Veterinary Referral and Emergency Center at 614-870-0480. Both are open 24 hours, 7 days a week. Questions for a return call the next day may be left with Suburban Animal Clinic at 614-276-5479. Please follow the prompts.



Check out Suburban Animal Clinic on Facebook for updates, information and timely announcements!

Toxic Table Scraps?

Sharing "just a bite" of food off your plate with your pet is harmless, right? **WRONG!** Many human foods can be toxic - even deadly - to dogs and cats.

1. Onions and garlic in any form - even powdered - contain compounds that can harm pets.
2. Just a few grapes or raisins can damage your pet's kidneys or even cause death.
3. Chocolate contains a chemical that is highly toxic to dogs and cats. Anything containing cocoa or chocolate should be kept away from pets.
4. Coffee, tea, energy drinks or anything else with caffeine should never be given to your pet - it can affect the heart and nervous system.
5. And the obvious: no bones, high fat foods or products with the artificial sweetener xylitol.

Seasonal Reminder

Help support the Capital Area Humane Society by having your pet's picture taken with Santa at their HoHo Happenings. Go to their website, www.cahs-pets.org to find dates, times and locations.

