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## Interesting Facts:

- Domestic cats spend 70% of their day sleeping, and 15% of their day grooming!
- The common belief that dogs are color blind is false! Dogs CAN see color, but it is not as vivid as what we can see.
- Cats are capable of sprinting at a speed of 31 miles per hour!

## We're Excited to Announce...

...that Doctor William "Mark" Whitley is the new practice owner of Cobb Animal Clinic. Dr. Whitley has been with our practice since 1985, so we assure you that your pets will receive the same exceptional care they always have.

Dr. Whitley grew up in Concord, N.C. He completed his undergraduate work at N.C. State University and received his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from Auburn University. While at Auburn he served on the Board of Student Ethics, was in the Veterinary National Honor Society, and the Omega Tau Sigma service fraternity. He was also involved with spinal cord research.

He came to Cobb Animal Clinic in 1985 as a preceptor and became a permanent member of our staff upon graduation. He enjoys all aspects of veterinary practice but has special interests in surgery, endoscopy and ophthalmology.

He is a past President of the Guilford County Veterinary Medical Association and is

a member of the AVMA, NCVMA and the N.C. Small Animal Academy.

He and his wife Jeanne have two children, Matthew and Lauren and dogs "Max" (rescued from the animal shelter) and Lauren's poodle "Teddy". His leisure time is spent enjoying his family and taking in an occasional ball game.

The staff of Cobb Animal Clinic would like to congratulate Dr. Whitley, and we look forward to building on the solid foundation that is Cobb Animal Clinic.



## The Importance of Physical Examinations

Most people are aware that our pets age more quickly than we do. What is hard to grasp is that your dog or cat can age around "3 human years" in as little as 6 months! This is one of the many reasons that consistent physical examinations are vital to your pets health.

Whenever your pet is due for semi-annual or annual vaccina-

tions, a physical examination is always preformed. This exam checks eleven major body systems.

The doctor will examine your pet's eyes, ears, mouth and teeth. They will check the skin, listen to the heart and lungs with a stethoscope, palpate the abdomen for irregularities, check the lymph nodes for changes in size, check

and record temperature, and more. This is all part of a good "hands on" physical exam which can help to identify changes in your pet's health.

The doctors and staff of Cobb Animal Clinic are dedicated to keeping your pet safe, happy, and healthy!



## With Summer Approaching...

We must pay special attention to the needs of our pets in warm weather. Always provide easy access to clean, fresh water and shade. Never leave a dog or cat in a parked car. Even with the windows down, temperatures can quickly become deadly. Promptly have any skin wounds or areas of dermatitis checked. Flies are attracted to such areas and may quickly lay their eggs in irritated tissue which hatch into larva commonly known as maggots. Maggots can cause severe tissue damage and even death. We recommend monthly flea control to keep your pet comfortable and help prevent intestinal tapeworm infestations. Pets that spend considerable time outdoors may also need a topical monthly tick control product. K9 Advantix and Frontline Plus are safe and easy to apply and help to prevent both flea and tick infestations. Ticks may carry several different diseases including Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever. If you find a tick on your pet, grasp the tick as close to the skin as possible with a pair of tweezers and pull straight up. Try not to touch the tick as you dispose of it and wash your hands regardless. Make a note of the date on the calendar and watch your pet for these signs; decreased appetite, lethargy, limping, swollen joints or small hemorrhages on the skin. Usually, signs of illness will be seen within two to three weeks. Please let us examine your pet if you see these signs. Many times a small reddened, swollen area will persist on the skin where the tick was removed. This will usually resolve within two weeks. Be sure to walk your dog during morning or evening hours when temperature and humidity are lower and be careful of hot pavement that can cause superficial burns to a dog's pads. With a little extra attention, pets can enjoy a safe and healthy summer!

-Dr. Mark Whitley

## Special Announcements:

**Congratulations to Dr. Clark and her husband, Kevin, on their Christmas Day Arrival-Lance!**



**Congratulations to Crystal, our front office assistant manager, and her husband, David, on their new arrival-Lucas!**

To better serve our clients we are now sending out reminder cards from our clinic in lieu of a commissioned company. This will provide you with the most up-to-date vaccination history possible. If you would like to receive reminders via e-mail let us know!

### Meet Our **Hospital Administrator!**



Jessica Sizemore has occupied the position of Clinic Hospital Administrator since 2006. Jessica attended UNC at Greensboro. Her hobbies include scuba diving, beading, and reading.

Jessica was married in March of this year. She resides with her husband, Grant, their 2 boxers, and toy poodle here in Greensboro.



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