

Meet Dr. Dell!



Dr. Cheryl Dell joined our practice nearly one year ago and has proven to be a wonderful addition to our team. Dr.

Dell comes with years of broad and valuable experiences. Following graduation from veterinary school she did an internship at the prestigious Sacramento Animal Medical Group. In addition to her veterinary degree she has degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Biology. She has given lectures and nature walks in state parks.

Dr. Dell has worked in several high quality veterinary hospitals and has been a practice owner herself. Cheryl has written pet health articles and has hosted a television show giving

pet advice.

Away from work Dr. Dell is a passionate horse rider and has been a member of the US Equestrian Team in Endurance.

Aside from her many obvious abilities, we like Cheryl for her friendly and optimistic nature. Her compassion shines through on every pet encounter. Hopefully you will meet her soon if you haven't already.

Get Ticked Off!

Ticks can be much more than a mere nuisance. Ticks in this area can and do carry debilitating illnesses and should not be tolerated on our pets. We have all heard about Lyme disease but other diseases with names like anaplasmosis and erlichiosis are also a problem. It is the opinion of many in the veterinary field that ticks may be carrying diseases yet to be identified.

In this modern age there is no reason to tolerate ticks on your dog or cat. A tick found attached to your pet should be removed as soon as possible. Several products are effective in reducing or eliminating ticks from biting and attaching to our pets.

Frontline can be used in cats and dogs. In dogs, other products like Advantix can eliminate or diminish infestation. In areas of high infestation Preventic collars are particularly effective and may be

worn in addition to the above flea/tick products.

A new product called Certifect has promise to be an outstanding topical flea and tick agent on dogs. One topical application will last for both fleas and ticks for a full month. It also kills more species of ticks than other topical products and is the only topical product that will cause ticks already attached to release.

Preventing Bloat



In our last issue we discussed a serious condition affecting large breed dogs called gastric dilatation and volvulus (GDV). We explained that it is a

condition in which the stomach fills with gas and then twists on itself, rapidly progressing to death without intensive emergency care.

There are a few steps that an owner of a large breed dog can take to help prevent GDV:

- Feed at least two smaller meals per day instead of one large one.
- Don't allow vigorous exercise immediately after a meal as shaking up the stomach contents can be a problem.
- Have your veterinarian perform a surgery called a gastropexy if you have a large breed dog. This simple procedure can be performed at the same time as a spay or neuter and can help to prevent both the stomach from twisting and of fatality should bloat occur.



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