

What's News at Suburban Animal Clinic

• Joan Phillips is also retiring from Suburban Animal Clinic after 43 years of dedicated service. Joan has done it all at Suburban. In her early years she worked as a veterinary assistant/technician. Later she worked at the front desk. In recent years she has been in charge of inventory, ordering, recycling, seasonal decorating, displays, and regulatory items. We thank her for her service and dedication to the mission of Suburban Animal Clinic. We wish her well in her future endeavors.

• Winter is here. Consider a coat or sweater for your dog on their winter walk and potty trips outside. Limit the amount of time your pet is outside, especially in subfreezing temperatures. Check paws for ice balls and sidewalk salt when pets come inside. You may want to keep a towel by the door to wipe paws as they come in.

• Don't forget the meet and greet Sunday February 1st. Say hello, goodbye and win prizes. See inside for details.



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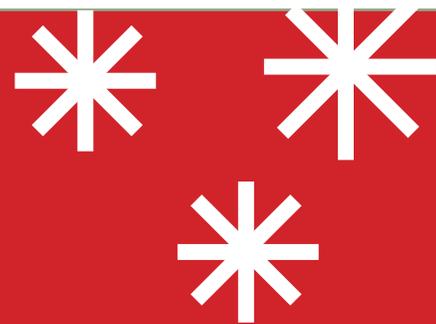
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Farewell Dear Friends

I am retiring from veterinary medicine as of January 2, 2015. I have happily (and exhaustively) spent my entire 40 year veterinary career at Suburban Animal Clinic as a student worker, associate, and the last 25 years as owner/director.

My wife Sherry has been our hospital manager for the last 25 years. It's hard to say goodbye, but it's time for Sherry and I to shift gears and pursue other interests in life. These include travel, time with our four grandchildren, volunteering, old hobbies and even new ones. Our plan is to retire from work but not from life!

I have truly enjoyed caring for your pets over the years and for some of you, two or three generations of your family. The fact that I feel about so many of you as friends, rather than clients, is what will be missed the most.

A wonderful young veterinarian, Dr. Ashley Maul is assuming practice ownership. Dr. Maul brings new skills and energy to our practice. She along with Dr. Missy Shardy, Dr. Beth Stafford, and our outstanding staff will continue the high quality, personalized, pet care you have come to expect from Suburban Animal Clinic. I will help them with the transition over the coming weeks.

Thank you for your loyalty, support and friendship throughout my career. May God bless you and your pets.

Sincerely,

Michael Seimer, D.V.M.

Welcome Dr. Ashley Maul

Hello Everyone!

I would like to introduce myself as the newest member of the Suburban Animal Clinic team. I am Dr. Ashley Maul, and I will be starting with Suburban Animal Clinic this January as the new owner, thus allowing Dr. Michael Seimer and Sherry Seimer to enjoy their much deserved retirement. The Seimers have fostered and developed Suburban Animal Clinic into a wonderful practice over the last forty years. I believe the standard of patient care and everyone involved at the clinic is an excellent example of how a veterinary practice can strive to enrich and improve the lives of their patients. I hope to continue in the Seimers' footsteps with the leadership of the practice and with the help of the amazing doctors and team members already at the practice to lovingly care for your pets for many years to come.

I will be moving to Columbus from central Illinois with Errol, my husband of ten years, and my furry family members. We have two horses Molly and Melanie, two terriers Simon and Sophia, and the ruler of the family of course, a stately cat named Midnight. I received my Doctor of Veterinary Medicine and Master of Business Administration degrees from the University of Illinois. Yes, I am aware that Errol and I are Illini by Alum and that we are entering staunch Buckeye territory...we shall see if we are capable of being converted! I have also pursued additional training so that I may bring more modalities to my patient care. I have achieved certification in Animal Chiropractic as well as in Veterinary Medical Acupuncture.

My main goal as a veterinarian is to develop and maintain animal health by emphasizing preventative medicine. I try to live everyday by the motto "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." My specific veterinary interests also include dentistry, general preventative medicine and sports medicine as it relates to rehabilitation from injury and the prevention of injury. Whether a pet is an agility or fly ball athlete or if their sport of choice is "human lap warming," veterinary medicine can add greatly to the animal's physical comfort. At Suburban Animal Clinic I will strive to effectively combine veterinary sports medicine with the additional modalities of chiropractic, acupuncture, therapeutic laser and massage. This will allow me to treat all patients like the star athletes they think they are, even if 'human lap warming' is their Olympic sport of choice.

It is with great enthusiasm that I embark on the journey of getting to know all of you and your beloved pets. I will bring caring hands and a sincere attention to detail to every opportunity I have to care for cherished pets at Suburban Animal Clinic. I hope in the years to come I will be able to call you my friends as we share in the love and joy that comes with sharing our lives with animals.

Sincerely,

Ashley Maul, D.V.M., M.B.A.



Celebration/Reception February 1, 2015

Help us welcome Dr. Ashley Maul and her husband Errol. Say thank you and goodbye to Dr. Michael Seimer, Sherry Seimer and Joan Phillips, all retiring from Suburban Animal Clinic.

Where - The Reception House at Raymond Memorial Golf Course on 3860 Trabue Rd.

When - Sunday February 1st 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

Food - Door Prizes - Fun

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5 New Year Resolutions For Pet Owners In '15

1. I will give thoughtful consideration to all aspects of responsible pet ownership before adopting a pet into my life. Pets require a lifelong commitment of time, energy and resources. Millions of pets are turned into shelters and euthanized each year because of lack of commitment by an owner.

2. I will provide quality nutrition and appropriate exercise for my pet. This means no people food and limited treats! We recommend Hill's Pet Nutrition products developed for different life stages or a similar high quality food. Proper feeding times and amounts, plus exercise can prevent obesity.

3. I will have my pet examined and vaccinated by a veterinarian regularly and as recommended. Preventative health examinations should be performed at least annually on all pets and senior pets twice yearly. Our veterinary team can also provide laboratory work-ups, behavioral consultations and vaccinations as part of a preventative health care service.

4. I will prevent my pet from being exposed to second-hand smoke and other health hazards from humans. Recent studies have shown that pets living around second-hand smoke can develop cancer and can aggravate heart and lung diseases. Also, keep pets away from chocolate, bones, trash, and any human medications.

5. I will give medications and products as recommended by my veterinarian to keep my pet healthy and free of disease. This includes giving heartworm prevention/intestinal parasite control each and every month. Use professional flea and tick control as prevention, plus give all prescription medications according to label directions.

Feline Did You Know?

- Arthritis, dental disease, and hypertension are far more common than most people realize.
- Over the past decade - cats diagnosed with diabetes and hyperthyroidism have risen rapidly.
- Kidney disease if diagnosed early can be treated with medication, special diet and fluid therapy.
- Some cats are best examined in their open top carrier or on a scale.
- For more great cat information visit: www.catwellness.org.

Protect Your Pet's Dental Health!

Human and pet oral care needs are very similar. The big difference is that we brush and floss our teeth daily to prevent dental problems. Because dogs and cats don't, they are subject to the same conditions and diseases we would suffer in absence of daily preventative care. Over 70% of all dogs and cats have some form of dental disease.

Tartar and plaque build-up can lead to bad breath and gum disease, then eventually painful periodontal disease. Research has shown that dental disease can have systemic effects on tissues and organs, including the heart, liver and kidneys. Loose, infected, and fractured teeth can cause your pet pain and the inability to eat properly.

The veterinarians at Suburban examine and record the condition of your pet's teeth and gums during routine physical examinations. The overall health status of dogs and cats can be improved by periodic prophylactic veterinary dental cleanings and some form of home oral care. Schedule your pet's dental prophylaxis now! Drop off your pet in the morning, pick up your pet in the afternoon.

SUBURBAN SPECIAL

\$15.00 OFF

PET DENTAL CARE

Suburban Animal Clinic is offering \$15 off your pet's dental cleaning scheduled now through March 31, 2015. Call 614-276-5479 to book this offer, limited times are available.

