

# City Pets Veterinary Clinic



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## 2nd Annual Puppy Up Walk

The winter has finally let go of its icy grip and everyone and everything is starting to thaw out, which means that things are starting to heat up for our second annual Puppy Up Walk! The date has been set, June 8, 2014, and the location booked, Gallup Park in Ann Arbor, now we just need the teams to help raise money for a great cause. That's where you come in.

If you don't remember or have never heard of the Puppy Up Walk, it's the fundraising event for the charity 2 Million Dogs and walks are held throughout the country in the efforts to raise money for cancer research in both dogs and humans. The organization is truly unique because it focuses on comparative oncology, which studies how cancers affect species differently and gives us great insight in combating the disease across the species spectrum. According to the 2 Million Dogs website ([www.2milliondogs.org](http://www.2milliondogs.org)), they have donated over \$200,000 to various research projects in the United States.

2 Million Dogs is the vision of Luke Robinson. The idea came to him when he walked from Austin to Boston with his two Great Pyrenees, Hudson and Murphy, after they lost another Great Pyrenees to cancer. Luke's philosophy is that if 2 dogs can walk 2000 miles, 2 million dogs can walk 2 miles.

Luke, Ginger, Hudson, and Murphy from 2 Million Dogs were even kind enough to visit during our 2 Year Anni-

versary in September. It is an organization that we are proud to partner with every year to bring the Puppy Up Walk to Ann Arbor. It is also an organization that we want to succeed and we need your help to do that.



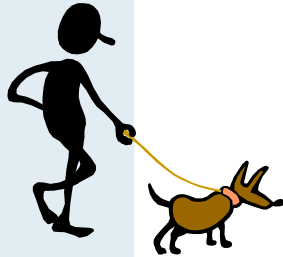
Luke, Ginger, Hudson, and Murphy with Dr. Hui and Dr. Weinrick

We will have grab bags, raffle prizes and sponsor booths at the event. You can walk with or without a fuzzy buddy, everyone is welcome. Team and individual registration is now open, sign up and start your fundraising early. You can register yourself, your team or join the City Pets team today at [puppyupannarbor.kintera.org](http://puppyupannarbor.kintera.org).

We are also looking for volunteers to help pass out fliers and to help set up & break down after the event. If you are interested please call or email the clinic. Thank you in advance for all your help in making our 2nd annual Puppy Up Walk a success!

## This City Has Gone to the Dogs (and Cats)

There are many factors that make Ann Arbor a great place to live: food, culture, theater, history, museums. Our favorite reason to live in Ann Arbor is how much fun our fuzzy friends can have in the city. Ann Arbor has been voted one of the top 10 pet friendly cities in the country and for good reason.



Ann Arbor is very pedestrian friendly which makes walking a dog through the city very enjoyable and easy. If you and your pooch get a call for the wild, Ann Arbor boasts several

nature walks including Nichols Arboretum and paths around Ford Lake in nearby Ypsilanti Township. What if walking isn't really yours or puppy's thing?

There are plenty of restaurants that allow pets on the patio while you enjoy the warm Michigan spring along Main Street and Sidetracks in Depot Town. After lunch, you can take your pet to any number of locally owned pet shops including The Pet Emporium and Wags to Whiskers, where they make pet specific treats fresh! Or how



Matthaei Botanical Gardens & Nichols Arboretum  
Photo from tripadvisor.com

about arranging a doggie play date at either Swift Run Dog Park or Olson Park, Ann Arbor's two dog parks.

Ann Arbor also hosts many pet friendly events during the year including Dynamic Duo 5K (see Page 4) and our very own Puppy Up Walk (see Page 1). You can find a list of events at [mlive.com/events](http://mlive.com/events) and search Ann Arbor.

We all know that Ann Arbor is a great city for many reasons, but the math is simple: A2=furry fun for everyone.

## Ya Big Loser!

It's news to no one that this winter was the harshest we've had in years, maybe decades. The weather made it all but impossible to do anything but survive walking from our houses to the car each day for work. We humans weren't the only ones that suffered from inactivity this winter, our pets suffered right along with us in the weight gain department.

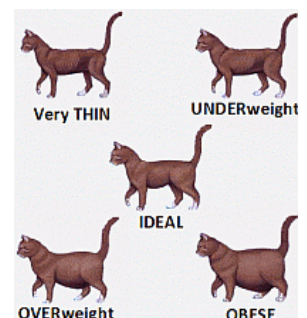
Obesity is not just a human epidemic, we've seen an increase in overweight or obese pets in the veterinary field as well. Like with humans, a few extra pounds on our portly puppies and chunky cats can cause a great deal of health issues. Obesity in pets can lead to diabetes, heart disease, respiratory distress, and an inability for the animal to move or sleep comfortably.

The prognosis is not all doom and gloom though. Obesity is easily preventable and can be corrected with diligence, commitment and a few changes to your pet's lifestyle. The first step is making an appointment with your vet to determine how much weight is safe for your pet to lose and how to best take off the weight. Regular weigh-ins will help to keep you and

your pet on track to slimming down your pudgy pooch or flabby feline.

To help motivate your pup's or kitty's inner Bob Harper, City Pets Vet Clinic will be holding our own Biggest Loser-type competition for pets. The contest starts May 1st and all participants must be weighed in by May 9th to be eligible. You may visit the clinic at anytime to weigh your motivated mutt or mouser without an appointment, but official weigh-ins will be during the first week of every month. The pet that safely loses the largest percent of weight at the end of six months will be the winner. Prizes will be awarded monthly and the grand prize is six months of free Royal Canin food.

If you have any concerns, your pet should be examined by a vet before starting a weight loss program. Visit our Facebook page for more details, to print a Start Up sheet and results.





Mario getting his Frontline.

## Heartworm and Flea & Tick Prevention

We know you didn't believe us when we said it was going to come, but the warmer weather is here and with it comes mosquitoes.

Help to protect your pet by getting them tested for heartworm and getting them on prevention now before the mosquitoes bite or you visit the local dog park with Rover. Don't forget to protect those indoor kitties as well. Mosquitoes know no boundaries and will enter your home where they can potentially transmit heartworm disease to your pets.

We also have good news for pets like Dr. Hui's dog, Rusty, that get extremely anxious when those topical applicators come out: Nex-

gard is here! Nexgard is an oral flea & tick preventative "treat" that should make protecting your pet much easier and much more enjoyable.

Speaking of easier and more enjoyable, we have several specials on prevention:

- Heartgard: Buy 10, get 2 free.
- Frontline: Buy 3, get 1 free or buy 6, get 2 free
- Revolution: Get 12 for the price of 9 or get 8 for the price of 6
- If you buy 12 Heartgard and 6 Frontline or Nexgard,

you get a \$50 mail-in rebate. (This offer can't be combined with any other offers.)

Call the clinic today to set up your pet's annual heartworm test and while you're here you can take advantage of the great specials as well as the manufacturer guarantee only available

through your vet. If your pet is on prevention year round and gets heartworm disease, the manufacturer will pay for treatments. We're excited to see you every one out walking their pets, we just don't want to have to see you for flea treatments.



**Note: If we are closed and you have an animal emergency, please call the Emergency Veterinary Hospital on Jackson Road in Ann Arbor at (734) 369-6446 (also treats birds and other exotic pets).**

## Summer Safety

You can feel the weight of winter lift and the sun on your face. Smell grilling and cut grass. Hear kids playing outside and birds singing. See the snow melting and flowers blooming. Taste the sweet corn and perfectly cooked bbq. You are excited for summer and our doctors are dreading it. This time of year, we can let our guard down and our pets can get themselves in real trouble.

Make sure to keep meat bones, corn cobs and other "tasty treats" that can cause intestinal blockage away from pets. Also watch them closely as the snow melts and hidden dangers are uncovered. Keep your nosy pets safe this summer so everyone can enjoy it together!





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Don't forget to check out our specials on heartworm prevention, like buy 10 Heartgard, get 2 free, on Page 3.



### Hours

Monday: 8am-6pm  
Tuesday: 8am-5pm  
Wednesday: 8am-5pm  
Thursday: 8am-6pm  
Friday: 8am-5pm  
Saturday: 9am-Noon



Dr. Hui examines a false cobra at the Great Lakes Zoo.

## Upcoming Specials & Events

- **Great Lakes Zoological Society Spring Celebration:** GLZS will be holding a Spring Celebration on April 26th from 11-4. It's \$8 for adults, \$5.50 for children & seniors, and children under 3 are free. There will be activities, guest booths and we'll be there too!
- **Biggest Loser-Pet Addition (See Page 2):** Competition begins May 1st and the Grand Prize is 6 months of free Royal Canin food.
- **Dynamic Duos 5K:** This dog friendly race will be held on May 4th at Hudson Mills Park. To register or for more info go to [runsignup.com](http://runsignup.com) and search Dynamic Duos 5k.
- **Puppy Up Walk:** The walk will be June 8th, 2014 and volunteers are needed before the walk to pass out flyers and the day of the walk to help set up. Please call the clinic if you are interested. Register before June 1st and get a discounted registration fee!