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TAKING A BITE OUT OF **CRIME**



Bad boys, bad boys, what -cha gonna do? The Animal Hospital of Cornelius is proud to announce its support and commitment to **Protect and to Serve** the **K-9 Unit of The Cornelius Police Department!** The Animal Hospital of Cornelius is working with the Police Department as provider of veterinary services for the two canine officers, Officer Britt and Officer Dag. Officer Russell and Officer Queen are the handlers for these brilliant service dogs. Last October the Town Commissioners voted

unanimously to amend the budget and utilized confiscated drug money to acquire and equip two canine police units. The two K-9's began their formal training last fall. Chief of Police Bence Hoyle summarized the new additions to the police force by saying, "The Cornelius Police Department is committed to its mission to provide a safe environment in which residents and visitors can live and work. The new

canines advance help and protect. Officer that cause with their R.L. Russell, the canine ability to collect evidence, track suspects, and protect our citizens from dangerous criminals. Properly trained K-9's are credible in court cases, and their superior senses can lead our officers in searches." Chief Hoyle added that

help and protect. Officer R.L. Russell, the canine handler for K-9 Officer Britt, described a recent incident where Britt



Cornelius no longer has to look to other nearby communities for canine assistance anymore, which was on average about 60 times per year. The K-9's are assigned to one officer, and are available for drug investigations, searches and community events. Recently the Cornelius Police Department K-9 unit was called in to assist Davidson Police after 5th 3rd Bank was robbed. But they don't only track—these units also

proved extremely useful in human searches as she honed in on the scent of an individual thought to be a suicide risk. "We were able to locate her hiding in brush between some buildings before she could injure herself." acknowledged Officer Russell.

The two dogs Britt and Dag spend considerable time searching for people and drugs. These police canines can detect invisible residue from many

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Submit pictures of your pets to us at animalhospitalofcornelius@mi-connection.com

IS IT AN EMERGENCY?

It's midnight. Your male cat has been meowing for a while, and now that you're awake, you notice that he's straining to urinate in his litter box. Do you call your veterinarian or wait until morning?

Emergencies rarely happen at convenient times, and sometimes it's difficult to know whether a situation constitutes a true emergency. If you are unsure, you should

call your veterinarian and ask for guidance.

Among the situations that are true emergencies:

- Trauma, such as getting hit by a car
- Active bleeding
- Collapse or loss of consciousness
- Possible broken bones
- Seizures
- Difficulty breathing
- Blue or pale gums
- Suspected bloat (tight or swollen and painful

abdomen and/or gagging, unproductive vomiting

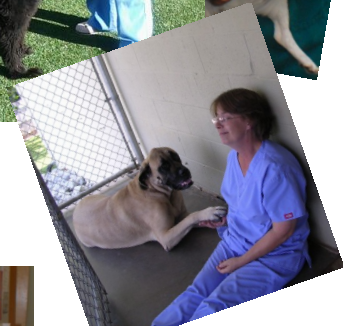
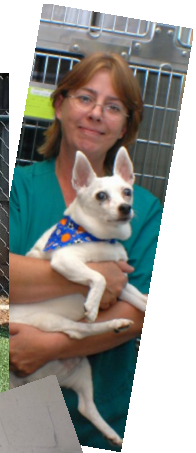
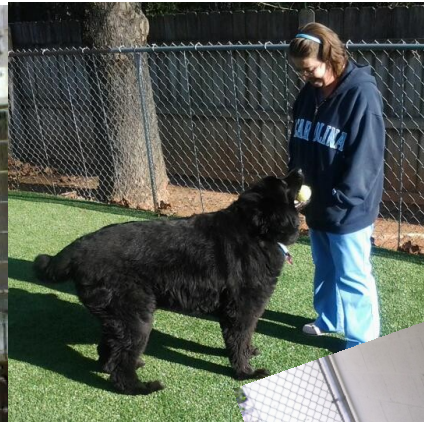
- Persistent vomiting
- Excessive bloody diarrhea
- Any suspected poisoning
- Difficulty giving birth
- Eye injuries

If it is possible for you to call while you're on the way, do so. It's helpful to know the symptoms of an urgent case that is en

route, so that preparations can be made for a treatment room and to alert appropriate staff. Be prepared. Ask your veterinarian about our emergency protocols, and who to call after hours. Keep the phone numbers readily available by programming them into your cell phone so you won't have to search for them in a crisis.

Animal Hospital Employee of the Month

The Animal Hospital of Cornelius congratulates Lisa Berry as our April 2013 Employee of the Month! Lisa is consistent and reliable and loves animals. All characteristics that spell success in working here. She was very supportive of the practice and her co-workers this past month volunteering to work extra hours to cover in our kennel while a colleague was on medical leave unexpectedly. Great service above self. We are proud to have staff that make our practice a priority and a success. Great job Lisa!!!



Doctor Spotlight

Dr. Glenn Wayne Jones is in our Doctor Spotlight this month as we focus on our practice, its impact on our community and how our family atmosphere is drawn from our leader and practice owner. Dr. Jones has been a practicing veterinarian for over 41 years, and a practice owner for more than 30 years. He has a special interest in orthopedic surgeries and enjoys learning new techniques and putting them into practice. A product of "old school" work ethic combined

with advanced new technology, Dr. Jones leads by example at the clinic. And the opportunity to work with his son Dr. Kevin Jones at the practice makes it even more enjoyable and satisfying.

Dr. Jones also commits himself to others, from taking care of clients' furry family members, to his familial treatment of his employees, to being an active member of his church, to serving meals at a local soup kitchen with his wife Betty, Dr. Jones seeks out opportunities



to help. A graduate of The University of Georgia with his Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine in 1971, Dr. Jones established himself early on in Mooresville, NC and then acquired the Animal Hospital of Lincolnton before 20 years ago starting a second practice here at the Animal Hospital of Cornelius. He sold the Lincolnton office five years ago to focus on making the Animal Hospital of Cornelius a clinic that people could rely on for quality care and family treatment.



CORNELIUS POLICE K-9 UNIT

feet away. In one case, the canine unit indicated a bicycle had something on it and testing confirmed that the frame was used to conceal cocaine.

The handlers and their canine partners have gone through extensive training together. According to Officer Russell, it involved a rigorous basic handler training course. The Cornelius Police Department officers' training regimen consisted of 160 hours of instruction in all the aspects of police field work and included obedience training, criminal apprehension techniques, narcotics, building search protocol, area search pro-

though both teams of the CPD K-9 Unit are APCA Certified in all disciplines, (American Police Canine Association), the officers and their canine partners continue training every two weeks with a Master



Trainer and every other Monday with other area Police K-9 units. These stringent standards our officers are held accountable to ensure public safety and spell certain doom for criminals who find themselves on the business end of these offi-

cers. With that said, all police dogs are experts at obedience. They must obey the commands of their handler without hesitation. This is what keeps the inherent aggression of the dog in check and allows the officer to control how much force the dog is using on a suspect.

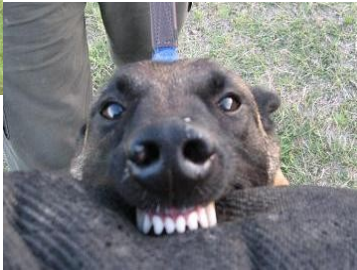
Police canines are trained to be comfortable in public places and are used to distractions like traffic. Each dog is acclimated to city life, because a dog that is nervous around people won't make a successful police canine. Police dogs must also undergo endurance and agility training, and must be able to traverse stairs and climb over walls. While these service dogs have specialized training in searches for drugs, firearms, missing persons or suspects, not all their work is completely centered around their superior sense of smell. The intimidating growl of a well trained police dog can cause many criminals to surrender instead of running or fighting.

"When I bring out Dag, all of a sudden they realize they can't reason with him, they can't intimidate or otherwise scare him, and they definitely can't outrun him. The very presence of police dogs prevents physical confrontations," advises Officer Queen, Dag's handler. If and when a conflict does arise, police dogs are faster and stronger than most people, able to catch a fleeing criminal and clamp down with powerful jaws effectively apprehending the suspect until other officers arrive. Plus it is well known that a good teeth-baring snarl can stop a suspect in his tracks.

The Animal Hospital of Cornelius is proud to have the opportunity to play an important part in the support of these brave service animals and their handlers, keeping them healthy so that they keep our streets and community safe.



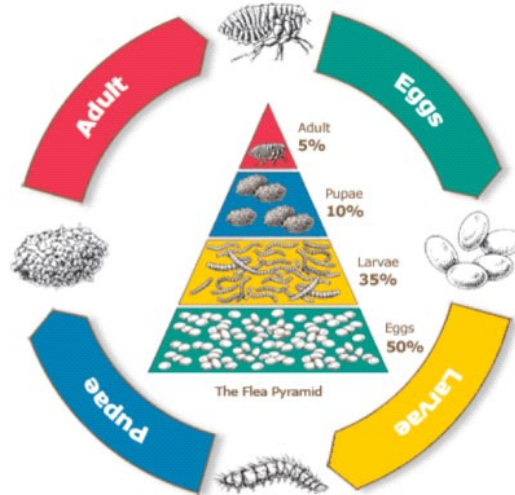
protocol and evidence and article search protocol. Their training work is not complete however. Even



Teamwork Works !



PREVENT HEARTWORMS & FLEAS



We recommend the following flea and heartworm protection options

DOGS

Comfortis Oral Flea Preventative

- Convenient oral administration; once a month
- Will not wash off, even with frequent bathing and swimming
- Only covers fleas

Trifexis Oral Heartworm & Flea Preventative

- Combines the flea adulticide, Spinosad, found in Comfortis with the heartworm preventative, Milbemycin Oxime
- Kills adult fleas and won't wash off
- Prevents heartworm disease and also removes and controls adult parasite infections of Roundworms, Hookworms, and Whipworms

Sentinel Heartworm Preventative

- Convenient oral administration specifically designed for your size pet; once a month
- Flavored palatable tabs prevents heartworm disease
- Removes and controls adult parasite infections of Roundworms, Hookworms, and Whipworms



CATS

Revolution Topical Heartworm & Flea Preventative

- Inclusion of heartworm prevention is very important
- Once a month simple application

Program Injectable 6-month Flea Preventative

- By far the simplest way to protect your cat from fleas
- No topical application required



Protect your pet today!