



# AVC News

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## Agape Veterinary Clinic, Inc.

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### Special Deals

- \* Keep a lookout for some fun quizzes and games for your chance to get discounts !
- \* Also, we'll feature special discounts on seasonal services.

## Catching Up:

Spring is finally here– at least according to the calendar. We have some great things happening at the clinic these days. For starters, we have a fresh new face. Her name is Dee Dee. She, like most of our employees started out as a loyal client. Now, she devotes her time at the clinic to helping out where needed as well as being our new “star” groomer! She has been grooming cats and dogs for years and we all thought what a great need there is among our clients– and she jumped at the chance. It has been such a successful venture. Dee Dee is a wizard with the trimming shears! Look for her article in this newsletter as well as her profile on our website.

Clients and staff have spent the winter breaking-in the new digital x-ray equipment. The equipment is wonderful and the quality is un-

matched. We even have the capability to take precise dental x-rays. This means the doctor's can view a tooth at just the right angle to tell if there's a problem and what that problem is. Hopefully your pet will never need x-rays, but it's good to know that if you should need the service, you'll have the most state-of-the-art equipment possible. If we haven't yet done so, we'll be seeing all of our equine clients this time of year for spring shots, teeth floating, repro work and maybe even delivering a foal or two! We'd like you all to know that in light of the economy, our main concern is that all of our clients' pets are healthy and vaccinated properly,- which is why you'll find our pricing similar to last year.



## Small Animal Medicine:

Flea and tick season is in full swing. Make sure your pet is protected by using one of our top-spot remedies. Frontline has been a faithful product for years, but now Promeris, with different active ingredients is a great alternative if you find your neighborhood buggers seem a tad resistant to your old stand-bys.

Now is also the time to get your dogs back on heartworm preventative. The Mosquitoes are ruthless already and will only get worse. A simple blood test in our office will give you the "all clear" to restart your dog's heartworm treatment.

Now is also a great time to bring by a fecal sample from your pet to check for intestinal parasites. Once the weather gets a bit warm and moist, the parasites spread like wild-fire. Likely you're spending more time outside with your four-legged friend, too. This means they will have more exposure. If one or more of your pets do test positive for a parasite, it's usually best to treat all of the pets in your household as they've probably all been exposed between one another.



## Equine Medicine:

While we are still in the midst of doing spring shots on everyone, foaling season is coming to a close— whew! If you haven't called the office to arrange for shots, now is the time. It is also a good idea to have your horse's teeth checked while we're out there.

This year we've introduced something called Global Link Coggins. This is a great option for those of you who show or travel with your horse. Basically, when we come out to do the coggins, we take certain angle photos of your horse..

Back at the clinic it all gets entered into a massive database and then we send you a copy of the report with all of your info and horse's info and pictures on it. There is no room for error because of the photos. The regular coggins is always still available, if you choose.



## Grooming Gossip— new feature!

Did you know that Agape Vet Clinic now offers a full line of pet grooming services? Pick up one of our brochures at the front desk or give us a call. Our prices are competitive and you have the added benefit of having your pet's veterinary needs taken care of at the same time. Updating your pet's vaccinations at the time of grooming is just one example. If your pet is found to have any medical issues during their grooming appointment, we have the staff to assess and treat the problem during the same visit. Having your pet groomed on a regular basis will keep your pet looking and feeling good. Spring is the perfect time to bring your cat or dog in for de-shedding or to get a "summer cut," which will keep your pet cool and comfortable during the warmer months. Clipping long-haired pets also avoids matting of the coat. Some breeds require more frequent grooming, typically every 6 to 8-weeks. Our groomer, Dee Dee, is familiar

with all standard breed cuts and is willing to work with you to meet your pet's particular grooming needs. Cats also benefit from regular grooming. Dee Dee can remove large quantities of hair just by giving a regular bath and brush-out so your couch doesn't wear all of the hair! Long haired cats can be shaved with a "lion cut" to eliminate mats and make them so comfortable. Whatever your needs, Dee Dee will set up a grooming schedule that is appropriate to your pet's breed and coat condition. Dee Dee also understands that some pets find going to the groomer particularly stressful. She will take the time to work with your pet to make grooming a positive and stress-free experience. Unlike large commercial grooming operations, Dee Dee only sees a limited number of pets per day so that she can give your pet the attention and care it deserves. Call today for an appointment.



## Cosmo's Corner (a "bird's eye view" of a cat's life in the hospital)

Rain, Rain, Rain! There is nothing fun about it for me! I don't like getting wet, but all of the cute kittens coming in for vaccines makes me want to head-for-the-hills.

Next time you're in the clinic, don't forget to check out our new fish friends. The tank had been looking rather empty lately... don't look at

me... but now there are some cool new additions.

May you all stay dry!

Until next time,  
-Cosmo the wonder cat

*"In a cat's eyes  
all things belong  
to cats."*

- English saying



Me, hard at work!

## Photo Gallery:



## Food for Thought:

**My dog is worried about the economy because Alpo is up to \$3.00 a can. That's almost \$21.00 in dog money.**  
**-Joe Weinstein**

If you think dogs can't count, try putting three dog biscuits in your pocket and then give him only two of them.

**-Phil Pastoret**



See ya next time!

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### **Products:**

We offer a wide range of prescription and general health foods and treats at prices as low as large pet supply chains—without the hassle of going there. We also carry a wide range of medicated bathing supplies, sprays, and behavior management products.

### **Other services that set us apart:**

- \* We now do grooming! \*\*\*
- \* Online pharmacy
- \* Laparoscopic surgery \*\*\*new!\*\*\*
- \* Wellness programs
- \* Shockwave treatments— treats degenerative arthritis

### **Regular clinic hours:**

Monday-Friday 8am– 6pm

Saturday 9am– 1pm

Sunday closed



## **Q & A: answers in the next issue...**

1. What year was the ASPCA formed?

2. What is a capon?

3. What is the name of the dog on the Cracker Jack box?

If you can answer all 3 questions correctly, stop by the clinic to get a free small bag of Lean Treats for your cat or dog!

Answers to last issue's questions:

1. Blood Hound.
2. Cat lover/ cat hater
3. Stallion/Jenny cross

