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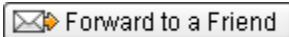
Welcome to June! We are happy to see the sun after so much rain. Be sure to keep your pets well-hydrated and in a cool place as the weather heats up. Remember that our pets are wearing a fur coat no matter what the season!

And speaking of pet safety, we're sharing some good info on foods you might not realize are toxic to our pets. We've all heard about chocolate, but there are others you may not be aware of that can cause serious health issues.

We would also like to acknowledge the 35th anniversary of Dr. Byron's career in veterinary medicine. Dr. Byron took a few minutes from his busy day to answer a few questions about himself and what has changed in the profession over the years.

Please remember to give your pet their monthly heartworm and parasite preventive, and flea control this month. And as always, thank you for allowing us to share in the health and care of your pet.

The Greenfield Animal Hospital Team



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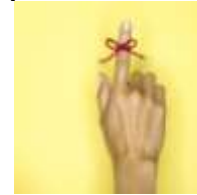


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Important Reminder!



Please remember to give your pet their monthly heartworm and parasite preventive, and flea control this month.

Keep this e-mail in your Inbox as a reminder until you have administered the medication for this month.

Foods that are Toxic to your Pet

Most pet owners have experienced the sweet face of a pet begging for a bite of "people food". Some have also experienced a pet digging through a garbage can or a swipe of food from the counter. People food is not intended for animals. Even if some of these foods are natural (such as certain fruits or vegetables) they can be hard to metabolize for cats and dogs and become toxic. Below are some of the most concerning foods:



1. Chocolate of any kind. Whether it's a candy bar, dessert or baking chocolate, pets need to stay clear. Baking chocolate is even more toxic than milk chocolate. The two main signs of illness are gastrointestinal problems and the more serious problem is



neurologic problems (possible seizures). A large enough ingestion can be fatal.

2. Grapes and Raisins. A small number of grapes is not harmful, but a large enough volume can cause kidney damage or kidney failure. Be sure to avoid foods (like cookies or muffins) that might also contain raisins.

3. Onions, Garlic and Powders. Whether fresh, cooked or simply an ingredient in a dish, these substances can cause serious changes in blood cells leading to anemia.

4. Chewing gum and sugarless products. These products often contain Xylitol, which can cause kidney damage or even kidney failure.

Alcohol, caffeine and nuts should also be strictly avoided. Please note that this is not an exhaustive list and that the best way to give your pet a healthy diet, is to discuss all food items with our veterinarians. Whether your pet goes looking for trouble or "just wants a little bite" be weary of foods that are not part of their pet food diet.

If you believe your pet has ingested any of the above or other food items that are not part of their usual diet of proper pet food, please give our office a call at 248-356-1100 as soon as possible.

Happy 35th Anniversary Dr. Byron!

On June 16th of 2011, our very own Dr. Alexander Byron celebrates his 35th anniversary as a doctor of Veterinary Medicine. He began his career 48 hours after graduation, and he has never looked back. However, because he looked so young, he did grow a moustache to appear older to his clients! We were able to catch Dr.



Byron and ask him a few questions about his 35 years as a veterinarian.

Q: What led you to choose veterinary medicine as a career?

A: Definitely my love of animals.

Q: What do you like most and least about being a veterinarian?

A: The opportunity to deal with pets and their owners. I have met some really great people over the years. In some cases, I am working with 2nd and 3rd generations of families! The worst part is definitely the grief families experience over the loss of a pet.

Animals provide such unconditional love, it's hard to lose them.

Q: What has changed in veterinary care in the last 35 years?

A: We've made incredible strides in diagnostic capabilities and pain management. A significant change is that we take a more proactive approach to the health of our pets. Preventive visits and proper dental care can lead to a longer and healthier life than ever before.

Q: What is the most important thing you wish all pet owners would know or do?

A: The most important issue by far is establishing annual physical exams. Combined with proper lab work, examinations can often address and indentify concerns before they become more challenging health problems. If you think of it as our pets being 5-7 years for every one of our years, it's really important that they are seen annually.

Q: Tell us a bit about yourself outside of work?

A: I've been married for 36 years, have 3 grown children and 2 grand-daughters. I also am sure you have seen my side kick Allie, my 12 year old golden retriever at the office. My favorite thing to do is go to my farm in Canada where I can decompress and enjoy the outdoors.

Congratulations Dr. Byron and thank you for all the care you have provided in the last 35 years!

Do you have a story to share about Dr. Byron? Be sure to visit our [facebook page](#) and share your memory!



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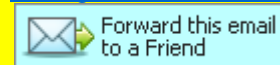


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There is no better compliment you can give us than referring a friend or family member to Greenfield Animal Hospital. Forward or print this coupon (which is also available on our website). When the new client presents the coupon at their first visit to Greenfield Animal Hospital, both you and the new client will receive a \$25 credit toward the care of your pets.

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