



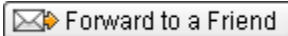
May means spring is on its way!

Although the rain and stormy weather are not helping us feel like spring has sprung, soon the grass will be greener and we'll be planting our summer flowers while our pets sun themselves.

Before you prepare your yard for the season, please read the article below before you get started so that your pets stay healthy. And if a new pet is in on your to do list, the Michigan Humane Society is hosting their annual *Meet Your Best Friend at the Zoo*. Since the event started in 1993, they have placed almost 17,000 pets into new homes! Finally, we highlight our team member Jill Allison.

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



Don't Forget Fido When Treating Your Yard



As summertime approaches and people begin to think about bringing color back to their lawns, I find myself reminding clients, "When landscaping your yard, please remember that animals are sensitive to topical parasiticides and weed killers." Then, they always follow up with the question about what kinds of pet-friendly

sprays they can put on their yard to keep away weeds, fleas, ticks and other pests.

Animals lick their paws after outdoor exposure, and many will frequently

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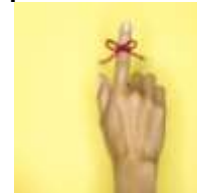
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Important Reminder!



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.



eat grass and soil, so it's extremely important to watch what goes onto your lawn.

Some pets that already have allergies can experience a hypersensitivity to topical chemicals. Adverse reactions can mimic an anaphylactic reaction like vomiting, diarrhea, facial swelling, hair loss and labored breathing.

In addition to pesticides, careful evaluation of mulching agents should be considered. To achieve rich, dark-colored mulch, some companies include recycled coffee grounds in their mulch. Coffee grounds contain methylxanthine, a stimulant found in caffeine, and dogs are highly sensitive to caffeine. If the mulch is ingested, they can experience gastrointestinal upset and elevated heart and respiratory rates. Be sure to ask what ingredients are actually in your mulch before spreading it on your garden.

As a veterinarian, I frequently recommend that clients use preventive medicine based on their pet's health status, disease exposure and travel history. If you have wildlife in your backyard, plan on taking your pets hiking or camping, or want to visit areas with free-standing water, extra precaution is a good idea. In addition to heartworm and intestinal parasite control, a flea and tick preventive is warranted. Clients who prefer to avoid topical products, bathe their pets often, or have pets who swim should consider a combined oral flea, heartworm and intestinal parasite preventive with a tick collar.

Be aware that many over-the-counter drugs are obsolete pesticides that may cause harm to your pets and do not prevent or control fleas, ticks or intestinal parasites. However, the good news is that there are many safe prescription preventive choices, and your veterinarian can help you determine which prescription agent is best suited to the needs of your family and pets.

Fleas and ticks aren't just a danger to your pets; they are also a danger to all members of your family. Respect these pests and the terrible diseases they carry by using monthly preventive on all your pets year-round.

Source: AAHA *Pets Matter* By Elizabeth Maimon, DVM, MPH Hills and Dales Veterinary Clinic, Kettering, Ohio



A Meet your Best friend at the Zoo! May 14 & 15 10am to 5pm

The Michigan Humane Society and the Detroit Zoo will host the 19th annual spring Meet Your Best Friend at the Zoo, presented by PEDIGREE®, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 14, and Sunday, May 15, at the Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak. Hundreds of adoptable dogs, cats, puppies and kittens will be available for immediate adoption from MHS and more than 20 additional organizations at the largest off-site pet adoption event in the country.



There is no charge for admission or parking for this event, which is held in the Detroit Zoo front parking lot.

Last year, the spring Meet Your Best Friend at the Zoo event found homes for 498 animals. Since its inception in 1993, the event has helped more than 16,000 animals find new, loving families.

Since puppies often are in high demand, 25 "puppy passes" will be distributed each day to the first event guests who specifically are seeking a puppy, allowing them to enter the event at 9:45 a.m. The event will be held under tents in the Detroit Zoo front parking lot, beneath the signature water tower, located at 8450 W. 10 Mile Road in Royal Oak.

[Visit the Michigan Humane Society website to learn more](#)

Employee Highlight: Meet Jill Allison



Jill Allison is one of the friendly faces you'll see at our reception desk and occasionally as a Tech Assistant. She's been with GAH since 2000 starting as a kennel attendant. With a B.S. in Zoology from Michigan State University, Jill is continuing to pursue her dream gaining a variety of experiences in veterinary medicine. When asked what she loves

and finds challenging about her job, Jill said, "I enjoy interacting and getting to know our clients and patients - but I find it difficult to talk to people about their bills. I love the people here at GAH as the staff is so caring and understanding, as well as fun to work with".

When not at work, Jill enjoys going to the movies, spending time with friends and family (which includes her 5 cats!) and being a student. She is also a big fan of Harry Potter, and is a self-proclaimed notorious on-line shopper!



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