



MARCH 2023



Newsletter

March is Pet Poison Prevention Awareness Month

It is imperative to know that there are several plants that are non-toxic, mildly toxic, highly toxic, and even deadly to your pet.

Many of these plants can be found in your neighborhood and even in your own house or garden. March is dedicated to keeping your pets safe with Poison Prevention Awareness Month.

Below is a list of some of the most common toxic plants. Fruits, vegetables, and plants should always be kept away from pets so that they don't chew or eat them. Let's keep your pet safe together.

COMMON TOXIC PLANTS



Aloe Vera



Sago Palms



Frangipanis



Lantana



Crisanthemum



Irises



Ferns



Poppies



Lillies



Daffodils



Tulips & Hyacinths



Azaleas & Rhododendrons



Hydrangeas



Cannabis



Ivy

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Nordberg

PET OF THE MONTH

Breed: Boston Terrier + Shih Tzu Mix

Age: 4 years old

Favorite Activity: Playing ball

Our March Pet of the Month is Nordberg, a charming and affectionate pooch who loves his family very much. He likes to go on walks and play with other dogs. He is pawtastic!



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STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Our team at AVS consists of animal lovers who don't stop caring for animals even after work. Together they have over 30+ pets.

We'll treat your pet like family. We look forward to taking care of your pets, whatever their needs may be.

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PET JOKE

What do cats eat for breakfast?



Answer: Mice Crispies

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Poison Prevention Awareness Month

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Prevent & Protect Monthly Reminder	2 CLOSED	3 International Tripawd Awareness Day	4	
5	6	7 Professional Pet Sitters Week	8 National Dog Theft Awareness Day	9	10 Happy St. Patrick's Day	11
12	13 K-9 Veterans Day	14	15 National Poison Prevention Week	16	17	18
19 Let's Laugh Day	20 1st Day of Spring	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 Respect Your Cat Day	29	30 Take a Walk in the Park Day		




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April is Heartworm Prevention Month

The heartworm disease is found in all **50 states**. It can infect both dogs and cats, as well as in wild animals. Heartworms are parasites that are carried and transmitted by infected mosquitoes. They are caused by a parasite called *Dirofilaria immitis*.



Heartworms are 100% preventable. Follow the recommendation of the American Heartworm Society and take your pet for their annual heartworm screening and give them year-round preventative medication to keep them healthy.

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Chucky Bob

PET OF THE MONTH

Breed: Terrior Mix
Age: ~8 months old

Chucky Bob is looking for a new home. He is currently a rescue. He will need to finish his vaccines and be neutered. He does well with other dogs, cats and children. Please contact the clinic if you are interested in adopting him.



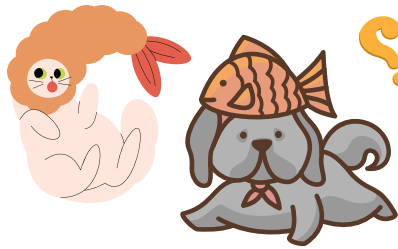
STAFF SPOTLIGHT - DOMINIQUE

Just over a year ago, Dominique joined AVS as a Marketing Manager/Vet Assistant.

Dom provides important information to our clients and maintains communication channels like Facebook.

Learn more about Dominique in our Meet the Team section on our website.

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Why do dogs run in circles?

Answer: Because it is hard to run in squares

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APRIL 2023

Heartworm Awareness Month

National First Aid Awareness Month

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					 Prevent & Protect Monthly Reminder	 1 April Fools
2	3	 World Stray Animal Day	5	 World Siamese Cat Day	7	8
 HAPPY Easter	10	 National Pet Day	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	 National High-Five Day	21	 Earth Day
23	24	25	26	 National Little Dog Pampered Day	28	 World Veterinary Day
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MAY 2023



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May is Lyme Disease Prevention Month

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Lyme Disease (Lyme borreliosis) infection can affect dogs and cats, as well as humans. It's caused by a microscopic bacterial infection passed from a tick bite.

Due to their tendency to be outside, in wooded environments, and in grassy areas, dogs are more susceptible to Lyme disease. Pets infected with Lyme disease may not show any signs for 2-5 months.

Lyme disease has been detected in all **50 states** and throughout the world. The number of cases continues to rise nationwide.

COMMON SIGNS OF INFECTION

-  Fever
-  Lethargy
-  Joint Pain
-  Swelling
-  Loss of Appetite
-  Kidney Failure

STEPS TO PREVENTING LYME DISEASE

- Check your pet for ticks regularly. Ticks prefer places that are dark, moist, and warm.
- Avoid tick-heavy areas like the woods and tall grasses when possible.
- Use a veterinarian recommended tick prevention product.
- Consider the Lyme vaccine to protect your pet.

If left untreated Lyme disease can progress to kidney failure. Serious cardiac and neurological effects can also occur.

Effective prevention for Lyme disease includes year-round prevention plus an annual Lyme vaccination.



Twins

PET OF THE MONTH

Breed: German Shorthair Pointer

Age: 4 weeks old

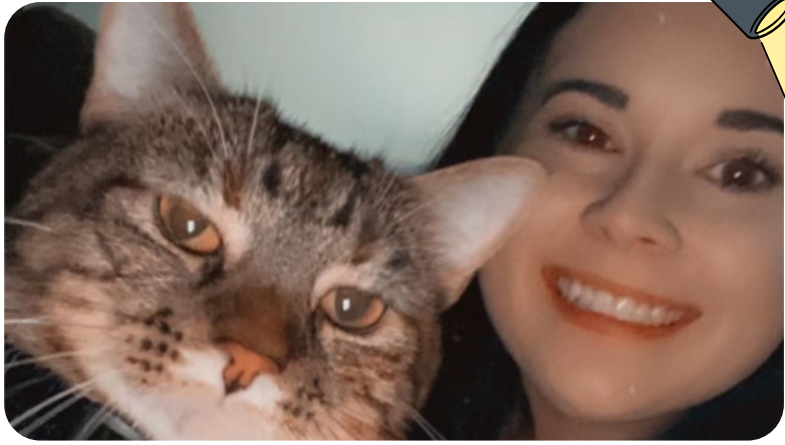
Favorite Activity: Bottle Feedings

Personality: Lil Loves!

These twin girls are looking for their forever homes. An adoption fee may apply.

Contact us today if interested in adoption!

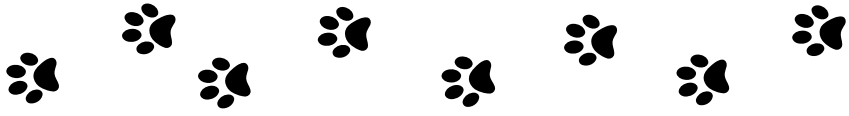
STAFF SPOTLIGHT - JACKI



Our registered veterinary technician, Jacki, has been working with AVS for over three years.

Jacki is our veterinarian's primary medical support when it comes to surgery.

Check out our Meet the Team section on our website to learn more about Jacki.



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PET JOKE



What is a cats favorite sport?



Answer: Hairball

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AVS **MAY 2023** Celebrating: Lyme Disease Prevention Month National Pet Month

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Prevent & Protect Monthly Reminder	1	2	3 National Specially-abled Pets Day	4 May the 4th Be With You	5 Cinco de Mayo	6
7	8 National Animal Disaster Preparedness Day	9	10	11	12	13 National Dog Mom's Day
14 HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY	15	16 SORRY WE'RE CLOSED	17	18	19	20 YES! WE'RE OPEN
21	22	23 World Turtle Day	24	25	26	27
28	29 Memorial Day CLOSED	30	31			



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June is National Pet Preparedness Month

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Mando



PET OF THE MONTH

Breed: Domestic Long Haired

Age: 3 years old

Favorite Activity: Cuddling

We have chosen Mando as our Pet of the Month for June. He is a sweet and affectionate feline that loves to bring his owner to the automatic feeder. He likes to play with the laser and tease his younger dog brother Jango. He is a purrtastic!

Are you prepared to assist your four-legged family members during an emergency, such as a fire or flood?

Several organizations, including the American Red Cross and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, provide additional tips for keeping your pet safe and healthy in case of an emergency.

Creating an emergency plan for your home is essential. Don't forget to include your pets in your plans as well.

NATIONAL PET PREPAREDNESS MONTH



How to Prepare Before a Disaster

Items Needed

- ✔ Pet Food for 5 Days
- ✔ Medications
- ✔ Leash and Collar
- ✔ Manual Can Opener
- ✔ Shelter - Either Carrier or Crate
- ✔ Toy & Comfort Items
- ✔ ID Tags, Microchip Information, & Rabies Tag
- ✔ Pet Cleaning Supplies
- ✔ Medical Records & Current Vaccines

Create a plan to practice with your pet!



Act Today!



More Pet Prep Tips at [Ready.Gov/Pets](https://www.ready.gov/pets)





STAFF SPOTLIGHT - GRETCHEN

Gretchen has been working with AVS for almost two years as a veterinary assistant.

Gretchen takes care of all the clinic's needs, from taking appointments to supporting surgeries. She's a rockstar! Learn more about Gretchen on our website's Meet the Team page.

PET JOKE

What do you call a large dog that meditates?

Answer: Aware wolf

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JUNE 2023

Celebrating:
Adopt-a-Shelter Cat Month
National Foster a Pet Month



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				1  Prevent & Protect Monthly Reminder	2	3 YES! WE'RE OPEN
4  Hug Your Cat Day	5	6	7  Best Friends Day	8	9	10
11	12	13  World Pet Memorial Day	14	15	16	17
18 HAPPY FATHER'S DAY	19	20  Ugliest Dog Day	21  First Day of Summer	22	23  Take Your Dog to Work Day	24
25	26	27	28  National Insurance Awareness Day	29	30	



July is Lost Pet Prevention Month

Ten million pets wander away from their homes every year, according to American Humane estimates.

July is National Lost Pet Prevention Month. Whatever level of safety you believe you have, it's always smart to make sure you have a checklist to prevent your pet from getting lost.

It is a great time to help keep your pets safe. In honor of National Lost Pet Prevention Month, here are ten vital tips to ensure you won't lose your precious pet.

NATIONAL LOST PET PREVENTION MONTH



📍 Tips to Keep Your Pets Safe

Vital Steps

Take the necessary steps to protect your pet!

- ✔ Use Collars and Identification Tags/Items
- ✔ Properly Fit Collars and/or Harnesses
- ✔ Replace Damaged or Worn ID Items
- ✔ Obedience Train Your Dog
- ✔ Make Sure Your House and Yard Are Secure
- ✔ Invest in Pet Containment and/or Tracking System
- ✔ Get Your Pet Microchipped and Registered
- ✔ Use Carriers and Leashes or Other Containment Tools
- ✔ Keep Pets Safe in the House During Stressful Events



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Nemo

PET OF THE MONTH

Breed: Domestic Long-hair

Age: 10 Weeks

Favorite Activity: Being adorable

Personality: He is a lion at heart.

Nemo was found meowing in the foliage. His new family rescued him and brought him in for his first vet visit. We are so excited to watch him grow!



STAFF SPOTLIGHT - DR. W

Our full-time and managing veterinarian is Dr. Seth Wilharm. He has been with AVS for over a year and is making an impact on our clients. Practicing the best medicine for your pet, he treats them like family! Learn more about Dr. Wilharm by visiting our Meet the Team section.

PET JOKE

What do you get when you cross a patriot with a dog?



Answer: Yankee Doodle

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JULY 2023

Celebrating:

National Pet Lost Prevention Month
National Pet Hydration Month

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Prevent & Protect Monthly Reminder	
2	3 SORRY WE'RE CLOSED	4 4th of July	5	6 World Zoonoses Day	7	8 YES! WE'RE OPEN
9	10 National Kitten Day	11	12	13	14	15 National Pet Fire Safety Day
16 World Snake Day	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 National Dog Photography Day	27	28	29
30	31 National Mut't's Day					



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August is Itchy Pet Awareness Month

Chronic itch behavior is not considered normal and can interfere with daily activities, including disrupting a dog's and owner's sleep patterns.

In order to maintain their quality of life, it is imperative to identify itch behavior's. A pet's itching might be a sign that they are ill, so it's important to be aware. Potential causes range from food and/or environmental sensitivities to parasites or nutritional needs.

Talk to your veterinarian about your pet's 'itch' if they are experiencing any of the symptoms and or behaviors below.

ALLERGIES IN DOGS SYMPTOMS

Does your dog itch?

Ear

Symptoms: Inflammation, redness, odor, and increased waxy debris

Skin

Symptoms: Inflammation, redness, odor, dryness, hair loss, and irritation

Behavior: Scratching, licking, rubbing on objects, and trembling

Face

Symptoms: Red eyes, inflammation and areas of hair loss around the eyes, or on the muzzle

Behavior: Scratching, Rubbing the face with paws, and sneezing

Rear

Symptoms: Redness, odor, hair loss, and irritation

Behavior: Licking, chewing, and scooting

Paws

Symptoms: Discoloration (red and brown) to coat

Behavior: Chewing and licking at paws



Lola

PET OF THE MONTH

Breed: Domestic long-haired

Age: 4 months old

Personality: Loving and loyal

When her new family found her, Lola was just an outdoor barn kitten. She is adorable!

Fun Fact

Did you know that calicos are predominantly female? Their color is inherited from the X chromosome.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT - ABBY



Abby is one of our veterinary assistants. She is working towards becoming a registered technician. She has been working with AVS just over a year. Abby works directly with our veterinarians to ensure your pet receives exceptional care. Check out our Meet the Team section on our website to learn more about Abby!



PET JOKE



What kind of dog likes to take a bath every day?



Answer: A shampoo doodle

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AUGUST 2023

Celebrating:
Itchy Pet Awareness Month
DOGust 1st: Universal Birthday for Shelter Dogs

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	1 Prevent & Protect Monthly Reminder	2 DOGust		3	4	5
6	7	8 International Cat Day	9	10 National Spoil Your Dog Day	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 World Mosquito Day	21	22 National Take Your Cat to the Vet Day	23	24	25	26 National Dog Day
27	28 Rainbow Bridge Remembrance Day	29	30	31		



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Berny



PET OF THE MONTH

Breed: Bernese Mountain Dog

Age: 12 weeks

Personality: Curious and active!

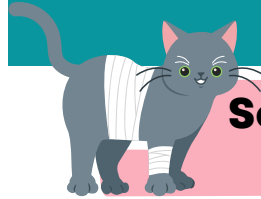
Berny was too cute not to share. She is stunning!

Breed Fun Fact

As an all-purpose farm dog, they were referred to as "Cheese Dogs" for transporting the milk and cheese carts.

AVS Alburnett Veterinary Service SEPTEMBER 2023

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September is Animal Pain Awareness Month

Animal Pain Awareness Month aims to educate and inform pet owners about animal discomfort and potential pain.

Many of us dislike pain, and our pets are no different. This month's goal is to help pet owners understand their pet's health and well-being when it comes to pain management, whether acute or chronic pain. This can greatly improve their well-being.

We can help you create a treatment plan for your pet if you feel they are in pain. Contact us today!

The Most Common Signs of Pain in Your Pet



STAFF SPOTLIGHT - AMANDA



Our fearless Practice Manager, Amanda, has been working with AVS for two years.

Amanda inspires us all by setting a positive example and upholding our clinic's core values.

Check out our Meet the Team section on our website to learn more about Amanda!



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PET JOKE

What do you give a dog with a fever?



Answer: Mustard, its the best thing for a hot dog!

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AVS **SEPTEMBER 2023** **Celebrating: Happy Cat Month Animal Pain Awareness Month**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				Prevent & Protect Monthly Reminder	1 Ginger Cat Appreciation Day	2
3 National Wildlife Day	4 Happy Labor Day! CLOSED	5	6	7	8	9 YES! WE'RE OPEN
10 National Hug Your Hound Day	11	12	13	14	15	16 Puppy Mill Awareness Day
17	18 National Meow like a Pirate Day	19 Adopt a Less-Adoptable Pet Week	20	21 1st Day of Fall	22	23
24	25	26	27 World Rabies Day	28	29	30



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Chester

PET OF THE MONTH

Breed: Bichon/Shih Tzu

Age: 7 months

Personality: Snuggly and loveable!

Chester came in for his first heartworm test. Yearly heartworm tests are critical. Our heartworm test checks for four common diseases pets should be screened for each year.



Schedule an appointment Today!

OCTOBER 2023



Newsletter



October is National Pet Wellness Month

During National Pet Wellness Month, we aim to promote pet health and wellness all year round. As pets are an integral part of the family, we need to educate ourselves on how to keep them healthy and happy.

Your pet can always benefit from a healthy lifestyle, whether you've had them for years or just brought them home. In honor of National Pet Wellness Month, below are vital tips to ensure your pet lives longer, is more vital, and thrives by making positive choices. We can help keep your pet healthy. Contact us today!

NATIONAL PET WELLNESS MONTH



Choose preventative health care

Vital Steps

Make healthy lifestyle choices for your pet!

- ✓ Schedule annual and bi-annual wellness check-ups with your veterinarian
- ✓ Be up-to-date on core and lifestyle vaccines, including those recommended for your region
- ✓ Provide your pets with quality time and take care of their emotional and physical needs
- ✓ Learn about your pet's grooming needs, from routine ears cleaning to nail trims
- ✓ Dental care should be started early, routinely addressed, and not be ignored
- ✓ Educate yourself on pet nutrition and weight control
- ✓ Choose monthly flea, tick, and heartworm prevention year round
- ✓ Get to know your veterinarian and staff



STAFF SPOTLIGHT - ALI



Our receptionist, Alli, has been working with AVS for over one year. Our clinic's primary point of contact, Alli greets everyone with a friendly attitude and is an integral part of our daily operations. Check out our Meet the Team section on our website to learn more about Alli.



PET JOKE



What is Dracula's favorite dog breed?



Answer: Bloodhound

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AVS **OCTOBER 2023** Celebrating: National Pet Wellness Month CAToBer

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Prevent & Protect Monthly Reminder	2	3	4 World Animal Day	5	6 HOWL-O-WEEK SAVINGS	7 Fall Festival Trunk or Treat
8	9 Columbus Day	10	11 HOWL-O-WEEK SAVINGS	12 National Pet Obesity Awareness Day	13	14
15 National Fetch Day	16	17 National Vet Tech Week & DONATION DRIVE	18	19 Monster Chip Event	20 HOWL-O-WEEK SAVINGS	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 National Black Cat Day	28
29	30 Costume Contest	31 Halloween				