Flanary Vet Clinic Newsletter 2022 – Issue



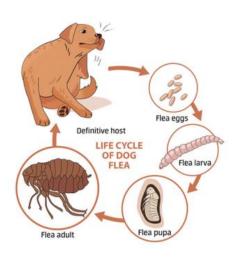
April showers bring May flowers! It's truly a beautiful time of year but with all the beauty comes allergens. In fact, the #1 reason dogs come to vet clinics is for skin allergies. The #2 reason is ear infections which are commonly caused by allergies. The key to treating your pet's allergies is to identify the source.

This can be challenging in Western Kentucky (the allergy capital of the world) but Dr. Flanary and the staff at FVC can work with you to solve the problem. There are many options available to help ease your pet's discomfort. The 3 main causes of allergies in our pets are food, fleas, and atopy.

- <u>Food-</u> Actually less than 10% of allergies are actually caused by food. These usually result in ear infections, facial itching, and irritation of the rear end.
 - Treatment Specialized diets. Grain-free diets ARE NOT the answer. Pets are allergic to the protein/meat source in foods
 NOT THE GRAIN! Don't believe people at Petsmart or the commercials on T.V.
- <u>Fleas</u> The most common source of allergies in our pets. All it takes is 1 flea bite! Just like it only takes 1 peanut to have a severe allergic reaction!! When a flea bites your pet, it deposits a small amount of saliva onto the skin. Your pet can develop flea allergy dermatitis, FAD, which is a reaction to this saliva. The reaction causes severe itching, which is very uncomfortable for your pet.

Fortunately, today there have been new advances in flea control to prevent FAD. There are preventatives such as Credelio - which lasts for 30 days and Bravecto – which lasts for 90 days (Both Available at FVC) that kill fleas and control flea eggs, and flea larvae, and all stages of ticks.





Check with your vet to find the most effective treatment for your pet. Be cautious, as many pets have allergic reactions to over-the-counter flea products (ones you find at the farm store, pet store, or Walmart), and they can also make pets very sick. With the introduction of new flea control products, no dog or cat should be allowed to suffer from

Flea Allergy Dermatitis.

- Treatment Keeping all pets in the home on flea preventatives year-round and treating the home/yard.
- Atopy Atopy is essentially everything in the pet's environment such as mold, pollen, and dust. In western Kentucky and southern Illinois, mold is common and maybe your pet's allergy problem. In our area, this can be a yearlong allergy versus just a seasonal one.



 Treatment – Prescription medications such as antihistamines to alleviate the reaction to the allergen and secondary skin infection.

LEARN HOW TO TREAT & MANAGE YOUR PETS ALLERGIES

There are many products & "home remedies" out there that claim to help with your pets' allergies. Dr. Flanary has over 20 years of experience working with pets & their needs, and one of the myths of the past that we continue to hear today is that human over-the-counter allergy medications work the same on our pets as they do on us. This is <u>NOT</u> true. In recent studies, it has been proven that common human over-the-counter allergy medications have little impact on managing our pet's allergy levels. These medications affect your pet differently than you or I and are designed to target different allergy symptoms than your pet has. So, while it may help the sneezing & upper respiratory signs- it will do nothing for the itchy skin & ears.

NOW, WE HAVE BETTER OPTIONS THAT HELP!



GO TO PET OWNER SITE



APOQUEL

This medication made its debut in 2014 and has been a game-changer in managing dogs allergies. It is effective in 86% of dogs and starts working in as little as 4 hours.

One of the main benefits of this medication is that it does not cause harmful side effects in your pet's body like steroids do! This medication is used twice

daily for 2 weeks to bring your pet's allergy level down to a manageable level, then is decreased to once daily to maintain them.

CYTOPOINT ALLERGY INJECTIONS

■ CYTOPOINT.



CYTOPOINT® is an injection that controls allergic dog itch for 4 to 8 weeks*

This allergy management option became available in 2016 and has helped countless dogs since. With a 92% success rate reported by pet owners, It has become a great option in the fight against allergies! In the past, the only option that used to be available to help with allergies was steroid injections- which we know in the present day long-term use can cause damage to your pet's liver, and possibly lead to developing life-long health conditions such as

Cushing's disease. With CYTOPOINT we now have the option of an allergy injection without the adverse side effects of a steroid. How it works is it neutralizes the main proteins in your pet's cells that signal your dog to itch. The injection lasts from 4-8 weeks and starts working within 24 hours of the injection being given. So, if giving a pill isn't a great option for you or your pet, an injection once every 1 or 2 months is much more doable!

MEDICATED ALLERGY SHAMPOO/CONDITIONERS/TOPICALS

The majority of the time, our allergy-prone pets have secondary infections in their skin such as yeast or bacterial infections, and/or very dry, flakey, inflamed skin. When this happens you have to treat the secondary problem as well as the main issue (allergies) to get your pet the full relief it deserves. Having & using the right shampoo and conditioner for your pet's condition can make a major impact on how well it responds to treatment & how fast they can feel better. We have many options available that come with a money-back guarantee to help your pet have happy, healthy, and beautiful skin. We can also bathe your

dog for you using the product Dr. Flanary personally recommends for your pet at our Spa Days!

OMEGA FATTY ACIDS

Lastly, one product that is recommended no matter the level of your pet's allergy status is Omega Fatty Acids. OFA's is an all-natural way that can help your pets decrease the level of inflammation in their skin, decrease shedding, and help promote a shiny coat.

Big or Small - FVC Will Treat Them All

As you know Rosie, Fancy, and Ellie are my constant canine companions. If you follow my personal Facebook page or my Flanary's Keepsake Farm page you will know that all kinds of pets are a huge part of my life! I have a large herd of exotics that include Nigerian Dwarf Goats, Chickens, Geese, Ducks, Miniature Jersey Cattle, Potbellied Pigs, and even a few tiny Zebu cows. When I was younger, we had mice, turtles, guinea pigs, hamsters, rabbits, squirrels, hedgehogs, birds, and several more. Exotics are those that are non-traditional unique pets. They are often chosen for a variety of reasons from housing restrictions, time constraints, or allergies. Choosing a non-traditional exotic pet may be the right choice for you, but finding the right one is crucial for the animal's health, happiness, and wellbeing. Step one would be researching the exotic pet you are considering. There is a lot of information on the internet, but you need to make sure the information you are getting is from an educated source. At Flanary Vet Clinic, we have educational material available for new exotic pet owners. Another important factor in choosing an exotic pet is knowing the local laws concerning them. Each state/city is different so be sure to check out the local laws before getting an exotic pet. Once you have

done your research the next step would be a new pet wellness exam and from there, our doctors can recommend vaccinations, dewormers, and other routine medical care. Getting exams and regular routine medical care will get your new pet on the right track to living a long, happy, and healthy life!



May Specials

Pet Have Allergies? We Can Help!



The Flanary Vet Clinic Boarding Suite

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Dont Forget your Boarding Reservations with us!

Large Dog Runs

Size Inclusive
Kennels

2 Fenced Outdoor Play Areas.

Spacious Cat Condos



Add PLAY TIME for just \$5 per day- extra treat included!

At Flanary Vet Clinic, we understand how hard it is to leave your four-legged children behind when you must go out of town. To make the hardship of being away from your pet a little easier we offer texting a photo of your pet to you one during their stay with FVC at no additional charge! We also offer TREAT TIME for just \$1 per night and PLAYTIME for just \$5 per day! Let us give your furbaby some extra lovings while you're gone. We love to spoil them with extra treats. The treats can also be upgraded to our Gourmet Claudia Cuisine Cookies or Pupmuffin Treats!

We take pride in caring for your pet as if it were our own. You can be confident that they are receiving the care that they deserve and you demand. And while we are making sure that they are happy and comfortable, we will also make sure that they stay healthy and safe. Our trained staff keeps a watchful eye to ensure that important details about your pet's wellness and behavior do not go unnoticed. Also, our staff will ensure your pet's medications or a special diet are provided at the appropriate times, just like at home. Many of our pet's parents like to take advantage of the veterinary clinic aspects as well. They often combine dental cleanings, laser treatments, vaccinations, and/or yearly exams with their boarding stay. As a special offer, any pet staying with FVC for more than 5 nights will receive a \$20 bubble bath before going home! You can also upgrade any bath to a medicated bath, and add a cream rinse, sani-shave, blowout, and bandana!

From the FVC Spa

Spa days include a nail trim, bubble bath, and bandana!

YOUR DOG CALLED....THEY WANT A SPA DAY!



AVALIBALE EVERY TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, AND FRIDAY IN MAY

Spa Day Price List:

1-25 lbs -\$25

26-50 lbs -\$35

51-75lbs -\$45

76- 100lbs- \$55

101+ lbs- \$65

Do you love seeing adorable pet pictures, getting the latest pet health news, and getting information about specials at FVC?





Then join Flanary Vet Clinic on Facebook and Instagram!

CLINIC UPDATE

Daily we are **bombarded** with telephone calls, appointment requests, and questions. We have been restricted in the past due to COVID-19, but have been busier than ever! We are grateful and blessed to have such amazing patients & clients, but we ask that you please be patient with us. We are doing everything humanly possible to meet all of your needs. We currently have Dr. Flanary, & Dr. Ferrell is still finishing her internship. This being said, we fill up fast on appointments- both in-clinic & curbside options, but do stiff offer a "Drop off" or "Day Admission" appointment.

PLEASE SPECIFY IF YOU ARE WANTING IN-CLINIC OR CURBSIDE APPOINTMENTS WHEN SCHEDULING

*Please DO NOT send Facebook messages as it is not consistently monitored and we have multiple platforms on which to contact us.

* We ask that you please utilize your PetDesk app to request appointments and request medication refills.
https://petdesk.com/download-app-for-pet-health/?fbclid=IwAR3ZsJB0uM1r-iJvvg12oZ3873JS3Xkg1EUS8sF7bqiisw9offBoZWI7oMY

PLEASE DOWNLOAD THE PETDESK APP!

PREVENTION SPECIALS:

Fleas, Ticks, and Mosquitos are OUT!

Flea, Tick, Heartworm, & Intestinal Worm Prevention for Cats



Bravecto Topical for Cats

Lasts 2 months

Buy 2 boxes get \$10 online rebate

Buy 4 boxes get \$25 online rebate

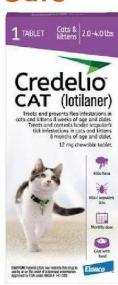
Credelio Chewable for Cats

Lasts 1 month

Buy 3 months get \$5 online rebate

Buy 6 months get \$15 online rebate

https://rewards.mypet.com/#/ https://www.elancorebates.com/#/home



Flea, Tick, & Heartworm Prevention for Dogs



Bravecto: Fleas and Ticks

Lasts 1 month or 3 months

(Rebates not applicable on 1 month option)

Buy 2 boxes get \$10 Online Rebate Buy 4 boxes get \$25 Online Rebate





Trifexis: Fleas, Heartworms, Roundworms, Hookworms, Whipworms

Lasts 1 month
Buy 6 months get \$20 Online
Rebate
Buy 12 months get \$45 Online
Rebate

Interceptor Plus: Heartworms, Roundworms, Hookworms, Whipworms, & Tapeworms

Lasts 1 month
Buy 6 months get \$6 Online Rebate
Buy 12 months get \$15 Online Rebate



ProHeart Injection: Heartworm Prevention Lasts 6 or 12 months Buy 6 month injection get \$5 Online Rebate Buy 12 month injection get \$20 online Rebate

SAVE THE DATE & MARK YOUR CALENDARS JUNE 11TH, 2022 10 AM- 2 PM GET READY FOR SOME FUN!



We are excited to celebrate 25 years of caring for your pets & the many friendships we have made with our amazing clients! Now it is

time to celebrate! Please join us on June 11^{th} from 10am-2 pm and bring the family- paws included for

- Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Chips, and Drinks
 - Best Dressed Pet Contest at 12:00pm
 - Best Pet Trick Contest 12:30pm
- Raffles for Veterinary Services & Products every 15 minutes
 - Cake "Walk & Sit" for both you and your pet
 - Face painting station for kids
 - Selfie Photo Booth for you, your kids, and pets
 - Secret Life of Pets Room for kids
- Doc McStuffins Room for kids- Your child can treat their favorite stuffed animal
 - Open House Tours of the Clinic
 - Bouncy House for kids
 - Petting Zoo from 10:00am-12:00pm
 - Carnival Games
 - Pupmuffins Treats for your Pets
 - Meet & Greet with Dr. Ferrell
 - "Doggy Bags" for all pets from Dr. Flanary

In closing,

Allergies are so common in our pets just like us and sometimes can cause severe infections in the skin as well as plain misery. There are several ways to help with allergies, so please let us help your pet. Bathing your pets on a regular basis also helps tremendously with allergies and skin issues. So ask us about the best shampoo for your pets or take advantage of our Spa Day specials! We also have some

allergy medications, Apoquel tablets & Cytopoint injections, that we have had great success with- even when most meds were not working; ask us about them today!

LaNita S. Flanary





















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