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HEALTH NEWS ALERT: HURRICANE KATRINA REFUGEES BRING HEARTWORMS FROM LOUISIANA TO BLUE SPRINGS AREA

READ MORE AT www.heartwormsociety.org

Blue Springs Animal Hospital participated with Wayside Waifs in a rescue effort for dogs from the area devastated by Hurricane Katrina. Testing has indicated that 60% of dogs transplanted from this area around the country are carrying heartworm disease.

The dogs cared for in our facility were positive and were treated prior to being placed in homes, but we can not know if all of the many dogs transported into our area were treated. This may cause a spike in Heartworm transmission in our area for the next few years.

Protect your dogs with their Interceptor or Sentinel!! And, if you adopted a dog from the Katrina disaster, make sure he/she has been tested and treated.



On Saturday, May 20 Blue Springs Animal Hospital participated in a fundraiser for a new off leash dog park that will be built in Blue Springs near Adams Dairy Road and I-70.

Dog lovers from Blue Springs and the surrounding areas enjoyed doggie oriented booths, demonstrations and contests. Dr. Carey gave a CPR demonstration. A guide to canine CPR from the demo can be downloaded at our website on the library page at www.bluespringsanimalhospital.com.

Does Your Itchy Dog Drive You Crazy? THERE ARE INNOVATIVE NEW TREATMENTS THAT CAN HELP!!

There are many reasons why a pet may develop irritated, itchy skin. The three most common reasons are:



Allergies

Skin allergies are common in pets in Missouri. Pets with allergies often lick their feet, rub their face and ears, and scratch their skin. Some allergies are caused by substances the pet inhales, such as pollens and particles of grasses and trees. Less commonly, pets may develop an allergy to a component in their food.

Skin Infections and Hotspots

Often the skin becomes infected from scratching and irritation due to fleas or allergies, but the infection itself is also very itchy and will need specific treatments. Hotspots are intensely itchy, moist, irritated areas of infected skin which may even begin to bleed and cause hair loss if left untreated.

Fleas

You can sometimes determine if your pet has fleas by finding "flea dirt," granular, black, pepper-looking flecks in your pet's coat. Sometimes you will see the tiny insects running on your pet's skin if you push the hair up and look at the skin. Some pets develop an allergy to fleas and lose the hair on their back by their tail.

NEW PRODUCTS BRING BETTER TREATMENT OPTIONS

- ✓ **ATOPICA**, a new allergy medication which is as effective as steroids...without the side effects! To read more follow the Atopica link on the LINKS page at www.bluespringsanimalhospital.com
- ✓ **SIMPLICEF**, a once a day antibiotic for bacterial infections which makes treating skin infections easier and more convenient.
- ✓ **Flea products** which are fast and highly effective at treating flea infestations and preventing them in the future.

The key to helping your pet with their itchy skin is to have an accurate diagnosis for what is causing the problem and to develop a treatment plan which works best for your pet

Call 229-1544 for an appointment today so one of our doctors can help your pet enjoy the rest of the warm weather season, free of uncomfortable skin problems.

Fall Super Savings on Frontline Top Spot and Revolution! **ONE WEEK ONLY**

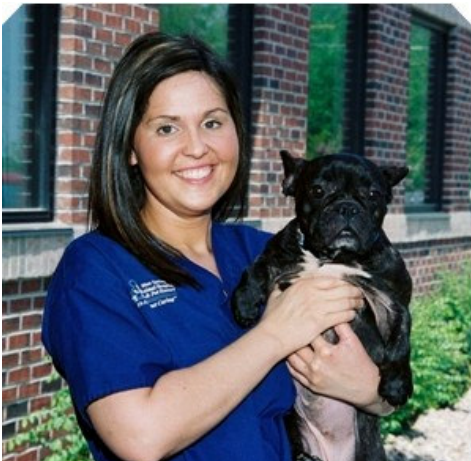
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Our Flea control products like Frontline and Revolution are already priced competitively with (sometimes below) the major internet competitor's prices. When you buy 6 doses of Frontline TopSpot for Dogs or Revolution for Cats , you receive an

ADDITIONAL \$10 OFF!

Fleas reproduce all season and reach their peak in Missouri from September through November.
Take advantage of these great seasonal prices to get your pet protected!

MEET OUR STAFF



Tammy Buck with her
French Bulldog, Taylor

Tammy Buck, RVT

Congratulations to Tammy for her recent graduation from Maple Woods Community College with her degree in Animal Health Technology. She is in the process of completing her board exams to become certified with the State of Missouri.

Tammy joins five other registered technicians on the staff at Blue Springs Animal Hospital. Registered veterinary technicians serve the role in veterinary medicine that registered nurses do in human medicine. They are trained in such areas as pet anatomy and physiology, parasitology, anesthesia and surgical assistance, nutrition, and dentistry.

Tammy is not actually new to BSAH. She started working in our kennels when she was still in High School. She worked her way up to a position as a doctor's assistant, and continued to work part time during college and tech school. She has now worked at BSAH for a total of 13 years.

We are excited that she has now joined us in her new role as a Registered Technician.

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