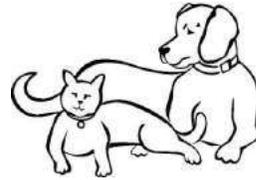


Cicero Animal Clinic, P.C.



July 2018 Newsletter



Keep up with Clinic News:

At Cicero Animal Clinic, P.C. it is always our goal to provide the best possible healthcare to your pets and the best possible customer service to you. We believe in treating our clients and their pets as part of our family and make every effort to go above and beyond your expectations.

Each year our Doctors and staff are kept up to date on the latest diseases, treatments and recommendations through continuing education to make sure we are always up to speed with the changes and challenges in veterinary medicine.

Cicero Animal Clinic, P.C. is dedicated to providing

- C**ompassionate care
- A**micable staff and surroundings
- R**ecognition of the human/pet bond
- E**ducation to prolong the quality of life

Our mission is simple and we strive to uphold it.



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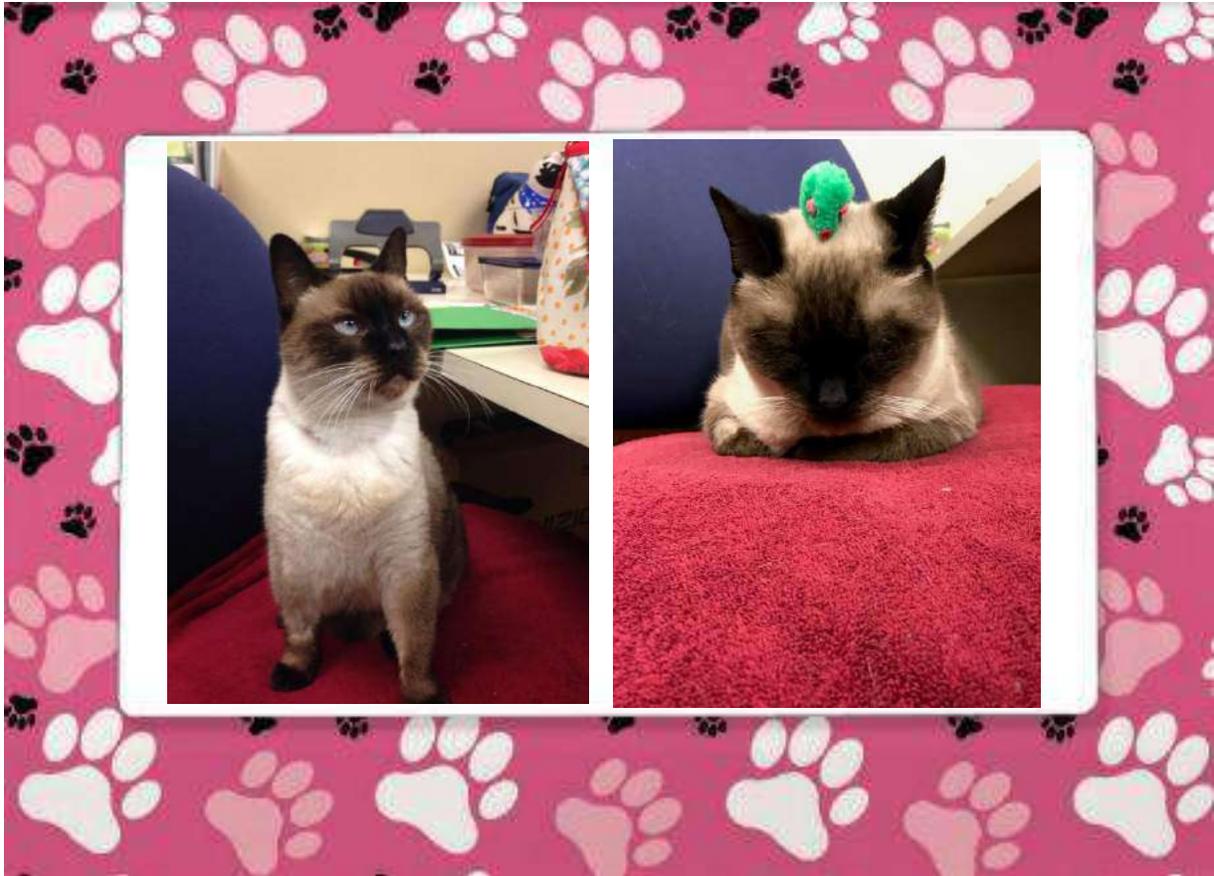
Welcome to the CAC family!

Our technician, Ally's newest addition!



Avery Jean ~ 4.10.18

Our new Clinic Cat, Sydney!



Sydney, a chocolate point Siamese cat, has been with us since the beginning of February recovering from multiple dental surgeries and an almost full mouth extraction. We wanted to be sure she healed well and got along with our other clinic cat, Pi before we officially introduced her. They certainly aren't the best of friends, but they're working on it! Sydney has adjusted very well to life in an animal hospital, and even got to learn the ropes from our original clinic cat, Olivia before she crossed the rainbow bridge. Sydney loves to push her limits and check out the reception area any chance she gets. She adores attention and HAS to show everyone her toy mice when she "catches" them, and will tell you ALL about it with her chatter. Sydney has been a great addition to the CAC family and brings us joy every day...we love her!

Kathy's new Barn Cats!



Puppy Socialization



Socializing your puppy means to help get them used to and comfortable with all sorts of everyday things and situations such as people, other animals, loud noises, moving objects, and being pet, handled and picked up. What your puppy learns in the first few months of life will create the backbone for how they deal with things in the future. Below, Dr. Karen Shaw Becker gives us a timeline of the stepping stones of puppy socialization.

“Puppies who aren't properly socialized during their first 3 months are at dramatically increased risk for behavior problems like aggression, fear and avoidance.”

- Between 4 and 8+ weeks, puppies learn how to interact with other dogs
- Between 5 and 10+ weeks, they develop skills necessary to interact with humans
- Between 5 and 16 weeks, they are most open to investigating new environments and stimuli; puppies not given a full range of socialization opportunities by about 10 weeks can develop fear of the unfamiliar

A good guideline to follow is that in your puppy's first two months with you, she should:

- Be introduced to as many healthy and safe people, animals, places, situations, sights and sounds as possible (try meeting at least three new living beings a day)
- Be encouraged to explore and investigate her environment, with supervision
- Be exposed to lots of toys, games, surfaces and other stimuli
- Take daily car rides with you to new, unfamiliar environments”

“Good puppies aren't born; they're made”.

-Dr. Karen Shaw Becker

-Condensed from the article “This Fills Animal Shelters, Avoid This Mistake to Save Your Pet” by Dr. Karen Shaw Becker. Check out the link at the end of this newsletter for the full article!

A horizontal sequence of seven tabby kittens, showing their growth from a tiny curled-up kitten to a fully grown, alert adult cat.

Interested in kitten socialization?
Click the link at the bottom of this newsletter for an informative article by Dr. Sophia Yin.

Socializing an adult pet:



Socialization shouldn't end when your puppy grows up...it's very important to expose your adult pets to the same stimuli and social interactions they needed as a little one. Pets that go too long without socialization can become fearful, anxious, protective and/or aggressive. This may not seem like a big deal if you're not much of a social butterfly yourself, but when the time comes that you need your pet to be in a public or unfamiliar setting, you'll be grateful you aren't dealing with an un-socialized pet. Below are some tips from the crew at Cicero Animal Clinic, P.C. for keeping your adult pet socialized (with a healthy dose of enrichment, too)! Remember, if you're taking your pet anywhere, be sure they are up to date on their vaccinations and you carry identification and proof of vaccines with you.

- 🐾 Go for a walk, run or hike in a new setting.
- 🐾 Check out local dog parks (use caution).
- 🐾 Enroll your dog in doggy daycare.
- 🐾 Train your dog to be certified as a AKC Canine Good Citizen.
- 🐾 Enroll your dog in training, agility, nose work or hunting or sport classes.
- 🐾 Train your dog be a Therapy Dog.
- 🐾 Create a neighborhood dog play group.
- 🐾 Have a doggy play date with a friends' dog.
- 🐾 Be a weekend pet foster.

Keep in mind; if your pet is really shy or fearful, start SMALL and stay safe! If you feel you need the assistance of a pet trainer, which is absolutely nothing to be ashamed of, we highly recommend CNY Pet Training & Behavior. We trust them with our own quirky pets!

Bringing home a new pet? How exciting!

Introducing a new pet to a senior pet can cause quite a bit of ruckus in the household. Follow the tips below and check out the full article for details on how to keep everyone safe and happy when little bro or sis comes home.



“8 Tips for Helping Your Senior Dog or Cat Accept a New Family Pet” by Dr. Karen Shaw Becker”

1. “Keep your focus on the needs of your senior pet rather than the appeal of a new pet.
2. Choose a second pet that has the best chance of getting along well with your older dog or cat.
3. If your current pet is an older cat, consider getting a dog.
4. To successfully introduce a new dog to a senior cat, proceed with caution.
5. Create a safe place for each pet to get away from the others that isn’t completely isolated.
6. Make sure both pets have their own stuff.
7. Feed pets in separate areas.
8. Give your senior pet lots of time and attention.”

Click the link at the bottom of this newsletter for the whole article.



Lyme Disease

Positive Cases of Lyme disease in Dogs in N.Y.S. in 2018:

17,626

This number has more than DOUBLED in 3 months.

Is *your* dog protected? Ask us about flea & tick prevention and our Lyme vaccine today!

[Check out the facts at the Pets & Parasites link below!](#)



Wellness Plans

Cicero Animal Clinic, P.C. is proud to offer canine and feline wellness plans to help you budget the cost of owning a pet. In today's economy it can be difficult to afford the level of preventative and wellness care you want to provide for your pet. Many times loving and responsible pet owners have to decline important wellness recommendations such as blood-work due to finances. In an effort to help our clients provide the care their pets need, we offer our monthly wellness plans for kittens, puppies and adult cats and dogs. Check out the Wellness Plan link at the end of this newsletter for more information!



Get coupons for Hill's *Prescription Diets*!!

1. Go to www.hillspet.com.
2. You will need to register with them (to log on), just using your e-mail address and making a password.
3. Then, in the top right corner of their webpage there is a search engine. Search "Coupon".
4. Then click on "*special offers*".
5. Choose if you want the coupon for a CAT or DOG under the "*prescription diet*" coupons.
6. And then just PRINT.

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