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Beckett & Associates Announcements



Beckett & Associates now has Global Vet Link for Coggins testing in horses!

The wave of the future has arrived! Are you sick of reading those old, multi-layer Coggins copies with hand drawn markings and illegible handwriting? Fear no more! Now available: digital color photos with clear type, a single layer copy that you can access on-line with your own email and password. Never again do you have to worry about losing a copy of a Coggins test you need on the Sunday morning of a show! As long as you have a color printer, you can print a new one! Please bear with us, as we will be taking photos of your horses to add to their files and asking for email addresses. Once entered and saved in our system, this will not have to be repeated unless a horse has new scars or a change in markings.



What is Canine Influenza and is there a Vaccine Available?

Canine influenza virus (CIV) causes a respiratory infection in dogs. It is often a mild illness, but some dogs may get very sick and require treatment. CIV is a relatively new virus, so almost all dogs are susceptible to infection when they are newly exposed because they have not built up natural immunity. It is highly contagious and can rapidly spread by a combination of aerosols, droplets, and direct contact with respiratory secretions or contaminated fomites, such as contaminated clothing or shoes. Virus particles form suspensions that remain airborne for prolonged periods of time, after which they settle on surfaces. It is unknown how far they can travel.

There is no specific treatment for this virus. Supportive care is needed in dogs with more severe symptoms. Dogs presenting with a cough, nasal

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Pet Angels provides animal lovers a direct link to local rescues in Connecticut. Our Pet Lost & Found allows users to search for their lost pet or post a found animal. Visitors can also put up their animals for adoption.

Pet Angels was created by Beckett and Associates Veterinary Services, LLC and is a free service to those looking to adopt or rescue their next – or first

discharge and a fever, and those with pneumonia or other clinical signs should be considered suspect. However, there are other respiratory infections that can cause similar symptoms so these must be considered as well.

Nobivac® *Canine Flu H3N8* is the new vaccine available for prevention of CIV. Beckett and Associates now offers this vaccine for those dogs that are at higher risk of infection. Please give our office a call if you have any questions or would like to make an appointment to discuss your animal's exposure risk. The vaccine may be given to dogs 6 weeks and older and will require a booster 2-4 weeks later. It is then given annually.



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ProHeart 6: Six Month Heartworm Prevention Now Available For Dogs

It's that time of year again. Spring brings us warmer temperatures, flowers blooming and, oh yes, insects! Those fun loving, flying and buzzing annoyances not only bite and sting, but they can transmit deadly diseases to our pets. Heartworm disease is just one of several diseases that can be transmitted by mosquitoes. The mosquito bites an infected canine or feline (dog, wolf, coyote, bobcat, etc.) and then bites your dog or cat. While sucking its blood meal, the mosquito transmits saliva into the dog or cat. The microscopic heartworm larva is transmitted with the saliva and the dog or cat becomes infected with heartworm. It is at this stage that heartworm prevention medications work.

LIFE CYCLE OF THE HEARTWORM



Heartworm prevention medications kill the larval stages of heartworm in the dog or cat. This is why it is so important to give the prevention medication on a monthly basis. If the heartworm larva is allowed to grow to adult size, the medications available for prevention do not work and stronger, more involved, treatment is needed. If left untreated, heartworms will multiply within the animal and cause blockages within the heart and pulmonary vessels that lead to the lungs. If heartworm prevention has not been given regularly, it is important to have the animal tested for the disease and get it started on a prevention program as soon as possible. There are several preventative medications currently available for dogs that must be given on a monthly basis. These include: Heartguard, Interceptor and Revolution to name a few. The only heartworm preventative currently available for cats is Revolution.

ProHeart 6 is a medication that has now become available for dogs. It is a long-acting heartworm preventative that is given by injection. The medication will prevent heartworm infection in dogs for 6 months. Healthy dogs, greater than 6 months of age and less than 7 years of age, may be given this medication as a heartworm preventative. For those who have trouble remembering to give the monthly treatments, this is an effective method for prevention. Beckett & Associates now offers ProHeart 6. Please ask a doctor if you are interested in this heartworm preventative so they can discuss the risks and benefits it offers to your pet!

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