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Beckett & Associates Announcements



Suds 'N Such



Deb Arbucci has been grooming dogs locally for over 20 years now. She graduated in 1982 from the Edwardian School of Dog Grooming and is a life-time member of the National Dog Groomers Association of America, as well as a member of both the Bouvier Owners of New England (BONE) and the North American Working Bouvier Association (NAWBA). You can find her at Beckett & Associates every Tuesday & Thursday grooming dogs of all breeds, shapes & sizes. Is your pup in need of a new summer cut to beat the heat? We are currently offering bathing & grooming for a variety of different breeds – **Call us today** to set up an appointment for your pooch!



Beckett & Associates Veterinary Services, LLC online pet store allows you to buy all your pet supplies instantly and at your own convenience. We offer everything from pet health products, to toys and treats.

No time to go to the pet store, that's okay [Order Online](#) and have your pet supplies delivered to your home.

Online Pharmacies – To Buy or Not To Buy?

We've recently had a lot of inquiries in regards to buying medications through a variety of different online pharmacies. Although some of the products offered may appear like better deals, we encourage clients to check the validity & credibility of the pharmacy before going ahead with a purchase. In a recent article, the FDA stated that it has found some of these online retailers selling unapproved, expired & counterfeit medications.

At Beckett & Associates, we will not approve any prescription request made by any pharmacy that does not have a Connecticut license number. To get your prescriptions filled in a reliable fashion, we offer our own online pharmacy. [Click here](#) to visit our site to see a plethora of medications, toys & treats for your favorite pet!

Although there is no easy, sure-shot way to determine if a pharmacy is reliable or not, the American Veterinary Medical Association does support a certification known as VIPPS – a voluntary program created by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy. This program helps to ensure that the specific internet pharmacy is appropriately licensed & shipping



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24-hour Large Animal
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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 – pet.

Visit [Pet Angels](#) to find out more

reliable products. VIPPS certified pharmacies can be found at www.nabp.net.

For additional information on the concerns behind online pharmacies, visit <http://www.avma.org/issues/prescribing/default.asp>.

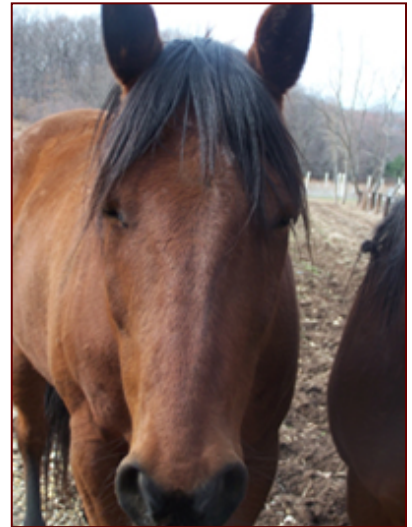
West Nile Virus: The Equine Lowdown from AAEP

According to the AAEP website, there have been over 24,000 equine cases of West Nile Virus (WNV) encephalitis reported in the United States since it was first discovered in 1999. It is also the leading cause of arbovirus encephalitis in horses & humans. Horses represent 96.9% of all non-human mammalian cases of WNV disease. There was a considerable decline in the number of reported cases of WNV in 2007, a true sign that immunity is being acquired both from vaccines & naturally.

The virus – identified in the US, Canada, Mexico & several Central & South American countries, is transmitted from birds by affected mosquitoes (& sometimes other bloodsucking insects). The disease is passed to mammals when the infected mosquito bites them. The virus is not directly contagious from horse to horse or horse to human. WNV causes encephalitis – or swelling around the brain & spinal cord, thus causing a number of neurological signs. A few of the clinical signs of a horse affected by WNV are ataxia, muscle weakness or twitching, fever, and paralysis of the hind limbs.

There are multiple vaccines available for protection against WNV. It is extremely important to keep your horses current with these vaccines. In addition, horse owners should do their best to prevent their horses from being bit by mosquitoes. Fly sprays, fly masks, & fly sheets are some of the best insect preventatives. In addition, removing standing water around horse property, turning barn lights off at night, using fans in the barn & removing any birds on the property will decrease the risk of contracting WNV.

B&A incorporates the West Nile vaccine into our core vaccine plan for each of our equine patients. Please [Contact us](#) to ensure your steeds are protected. For more information on WNV visit www.aaep.org.



Kitty Corner: Feline Heartworm (compliments of Pfizer Animal Health)

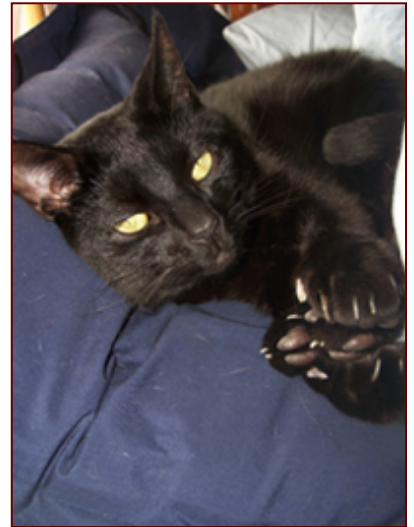
Feline heartworm is a growing disease in cats. Thought to be primarily a dog disease, recent research by Pfizer has shown that 5 to 15% of cats in heartworm endemic areas are infected. Both dogs and

cats get heartworm via the bite of a mosquito. As the cats' immune system fights off the worm, it causes significant damage to the lungs. As the heartworms die, they can result in blood clots, severe lung inflammation or deadly allergic reactions.

Many times cats don't show any clinical signs of being affected by heartworms. The disease can be mistaken for asthma or allergic bronchitis, as the symptoms are quite similar. When most cats begin to show signs they are: lethargy, coughing, wheezing, trouble breathing, vomiting or neurological symptoms. All of the abovementioned clinical signs are part of a syndrome referred to as Heartworm Associated Respiratory Disease (HARD). Testing for feline heartworm is usually done if a cat demonstrates the symptoms of HARD. Annual testing (like we do in dogs) is not yet reliable enough to do in cats. Feline testing must be done via serology, ECG's & radiographs of the thorax.

Preventing heartworm in cats can be done via a product we recommend called Revolution. It is a once-a-month topical medication that also prevents fleas, roundworms, hookworms & ear mites. Indoor cats too! Stop by the office or [Visit our Online](#)

[Store](#) to pick up Revolution for your cat! Studies have shown that 25% of those cats infected with feline heartworm are indoor-only. Generally cats don't have many reactions to Revolution - < 1% of cats & dogs experienced digestive upsets & 1% of cats experienced temporary hair loss at the application site. The product shouldn't be used on sick, weak or underweight animals. For more information on Feline Heartworm or Revolution feel free to contact our clinic or www.catsoftherevolution.com.



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