

Save 10% in July on Thyroid Related Products/Services

Hypothyroidism is a disorder of the thyroid gland, which regulates your dog's metabolic rate. In hypothyroidism, the thyroid gland is unable to secrete enough thyroid hormone, decreasing your dog's metabolism. Some breeds, such as Golden Retrievers, Doberman Pinschers, Greyhounds, Cocker Spaniels, and Daschunds, are more susceptible to this endocrine disease.

Symptoms of hypothyroidism:

- Lethargy
- Weight gain - with or without an increase in appetite
- Bacterial skin infections
- Dry skin
- Hair loss
- Slow heart rate
- Chronic ear infections
- Behavioral changes - seizures, anxiety, unprovoked aggression
- Depression

If you have any concerns, or have noticed these changes in your dog, consult with any of the veterinarians at Argyle Vet.

If the clinical signs of hypothyroidism are present during an exam, a blood test to check the thyroid levels will be done. The most common medication used to treat hypothyroidism is Soloxine - a pill given twice a day.

Solitude - Feed Thru Fly Control

Flies are an unavoidable part of warm weather and livestock. They spread diseases such as Strangles, Vesicular Stomatitis, Influenza and E coli; as well as contaminate wounds and hinder the healing process.

It seems every horse owner has a variety of fly sprays, fly masks, fly strips, fly baits, and bug zappers. These work to kill or repel adult

flies, yet do nothing for the area in which they breed and originate... the manure.

Solitude IGR is a pelleted insect growth regulator (cyromazine) that is added to daily feed rations. By inhibiting the development of the exoskeleton in immature flies, Solitude IGR prevents them from becoming mature adults. Simply feed 1/2 oz per day.

Cyromazine is safe for the environment, humans, horses, and other animals. As it is excreted in the manure the fly larvae development is disrupted, causing the larvae to die.

As always, use appropriate stable management practices to reduce the adult fly population. Remove manure, clean up feed spills, and keep the area as dry as possible.

Liver Treat Recipe

3/4 - 1lb raw beef (or pork) liver
1/4 cup water
1 cup cornmeal
1 cup flour

Grind up the liver in a food processor until it becomes paste-like and add the remaining ingredients. Grease a 9 1/2 by 13 inch jelly roll pan with Crisco. Drop by flattened spoonfuls into the pan or shape with cookie cutters. Bake at 350 degrees for 20-25 minutes.

Pet of the Month

Blue the Great Dane puppy stole our hearts!

Blue (pictured at 5 weeks old) survived both a dog attack and an amputation. He is now learning to walk on three legs.



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Feline Heartworm Disease

It is a common misconception that cats do not need to use heartworm prevention. Indoor cats are at risk as mosquitos often find ways to enter our homes. We also allow our cats to sit near windows or accompany us on the deck or patio.

Feline heartworm disease is very difficult to diagnose due to the fact that heartworm infected cats rarely carry adult heartworms or microfilariae (the pre-larval

stage), which are the basis for heartworm tests. Many of the larvae transmitted by infected mosquitoes will migrate to the lungs where they die and cause inflammation.

Heartworm infected cats display symptoms of respiratory distress, such as coughing and labored breathing, that are also indicative of other problems including heart disease, asthma, bacterial/viral infection, or pneumonia.

While there is canine heartworm disease treatment available, there is NO treatment for heartworm disease in cats.

At Argyle Veterinary Hospital we carry Revolution and recommend using it monthly to protect your cats against fleas, heartworms, hookworms, roundworms, and earmites. For every 6 month supply you purchase, you will receive one free dose.

Available for Adoption

Pepe is a wonderful kitty looking for a new home. She is a lap cat and will soak up all the affection you can give. Pepe does fairly well with dogs, but no children please. She is 5yrs old, spayed, and up to date on vaccines.

To visit with Pepe contact Gert Shader at 940-464-3073 or Pat Taub at 940-464-4466

Pepe



Sweet Kitty found in Argyle! Free to loving home. Approx 3-4 mos old. Not spayed/neutered.

Ready to love you!
Contact
Richard
and Terry
Evans at
940-367-
4858



Snakebites

Snakebites are always an emergency. The venom injected by the snake is very painful. The bite will often ooze blood and the area surrounding it will swell. Your dog may experience shallow respirations, rapid heart rate, death of the tissue around the bite, and problems with the blood's ability to clot. Treatment often includes antibiotics and pain management. In some cases hospitalization and intravenous fluids are warranted. Untreated bites can be fatal.

There is a vaccine available that will help delay the effects of the venom due to rattlesnake bites. If you travel to or live in places populated by rattlesnakes, talk to your veterinarian about the vaccine. The antibodies your dog makes in response to the vaccine will start neutralizing the venom immediately and reduces the risk of permanent damage.

Ride for the Cure

Join the Susan G Komen North Texas Ride for the Cure on October 9, 2010

Registration closes in September and the ride is limited to the first 100 registrants. You can help by riding your horse, volunteering, donating, or becoming a sponsor. The Ride for the Cure raised over \$55,000 last year. Be a part of the cure!

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