



The BVVH PET GAZETTE

SPRING 2015



Food Warning

The following are potentially harmful to your pet:

- Grapes
- Chocolate
- Onions
- Garlic
- Hops (beer)
- Bread Dough
- Avocado
- Alcohol
- Chewing Gum & Candy containing the sweetener Xylitol
- Macadamia Nuts
- Raw Meat
- Milk
- Salty Table Scraps
- Human Medication

Check out ASPCA.org for their poison control page.

Click below to give us a review!



Please share stories about and pictures of your pet. 😊



Puppy and Kitten 101

Tips and Tricks for welcoming a new young pet into your home

A new puppy or kitten is a wonderful addition to your family. We have some tips and tricks to help you give your new pet a happy and healthy start.

Any new pets should be quarantined from your other pets until it has been given a thorough health exam from your veterinarian, to keep parasites or diseases that your pup or kitten may have from being spread to your other pets.



Please post your puppy and kitten pictures on our Facebook page so we can enjoy watching them grow up with you. 🐾

Off to a Healthy Start

Your new pet will need a series of vaccines and de-worming to protect them from common diseases and parasites. The first vaccines are given at 6-8 weeks of age with two follow-up booster visits. Kittens should be tested for Feline Aids and Leukemia. Flea, tick and parasite prevention should begin at 8 weeks of age. We recommend spay or neuter surgery at 4-6 months of age.

Prepare for Office Visits

Going to the vet should be an enjoyable experience for you & your pet. Please stop into the office with your pet anytime just to say "Hello" and let your pet get to know us, hop on the scale, and get a treat!

Here are some tips to make your pet's visit here more enjoyable.

- ♦ Take the time to touch your pet everywhere, every day!
- ♦ Play with your pet's mouth.
- ♦ Get your pet used to being leaned over, held onto, and picked up.
- ♦ Teach your dog to sit, stand, shake, lie down, turn around, and walk on a leash
- ♦ Familiarize your pet with a crate, just in case!
- ♦ Liberally employ treats and toys during the visit.

We are always available to answer any questions you have and look forward to helping you care for your new pets!



MEET "PEPPER" MOSS - OUR FEATURED BVVH PET MAKEOVER



Anne & Pepper

Pepper joined the Moss household this fall. She is an 8 month old Lurcher (a Greyhound mutt), and a real sweetie pie.

She had a rough start, and came loaded with fleas and ticks, mange, tapeworms, gunky ears, very smelly, infected skin, Giardia, and was sulky and depressed, but is well on her way back to good health with a lot of BVVH TLC.

It took more than three months for her to completely recover from all of the above, but now has a beautiful full coat, has filled out a lot and is parasite free! With her good health, her personality has blossomed too, and now is a barrel of monkeys. She now acts like the bouncy and rambunctious puppy that she is.

She has been a great sport about all this medical attention from Team BVVH, and is feeling much better!!



WHAT'S GOING ON AT BVVH...

Tell your friends about our FREE exams for new clients!

Great Nutritional Products...

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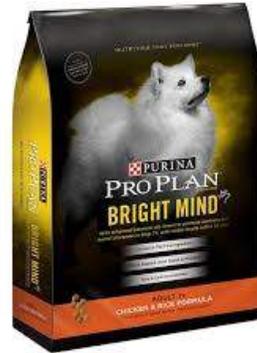
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and supports joint health and
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Rabies Update—In 2014, there were 13 positive cases of Rabies reported in Chester County.

This year the county leads the state in the highest number of reported cases totaling 7 so far.

For more information visit www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/



WELCOME TO THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF THE TEAM...

Veterinary Assistant, Kirsten Bostelman and Practice Manager, Liz Ingram

Kirsten joined the Brandywine Valley Veterinary team in June 2014. She grew up in the Poconos and always had dogs and cats in her life. She attended the Vet Tech Institute in Pittsburgh and graduated in 2007 with a degree in Veterinary Technology. She then moved to Utah where she worked in a veterinary hospital for about 5 years. In Utah, she enjoyed hiking and spending time with her friends going to events and festivals. Her husband Danny's job then brought them back to the East coast where they reside in Cochranville with their two cats and their Great Dane, Otto.



Liz joined the team at the end of December 2014. She was born in Columbia, SC but grew up in Chester County. Liz graduated in 2004 from Temple University with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management and spent 10 years in Financial Services. She also works part time at Hope Springs Farm where she boards her horse, helping with the care of the horses and will be leading trail rides this spring/summer. In addition to riding, Liz enjoys the outdoors, antiques, country music concerts, and spending time with family and friends. She lives in Thorndale with her dog and cat.





ASK THE BVVH GOSSIP HOUNDS...



Jennifer Feather

Veterinary Assistant Jennifer Feather is still riding horses, reading, and writing. Right now she is enjoying the Game of Thrones HBO series. Her four dogs are spoiled rotten & loving life. She is heading to the Outer Banks, NC for a little R&R at the end of May. She recently attended continuing education at the Penn Conference in Philadelphia.



Dr. Moss & Uncy

Dr. Moss is busy putting in his spring garden and working on his folk art projects. He is also getting his horse and gear ready for this year's re-enacting season. He is headed to Vegas with Anne for surgical Continuing Education and to see the Beatles Cirque de Soleil's "Love".

Anne Moss is recovering from a fabulous 50th birthday celebration week. She is excited about her step-daughter Lilly getting married in May. She is also looking forward to a spring full of dressage, judging, and showing her mare, Grace. Anne's biddies are in full production and laying up a storm. Everyone in the office loves the fresh eggs!



Anne Moss

Veterinary Technician Chris Rizzo is looking forward to spring time and getting out to dog shows! He recently welcomed 5 Jack Russell puppies!! His 3 kids have been keeping him busy and they are excited for park trips, bicycle riding, & trips to the shore at grammy & poppy's new summer house. He is also working on getting his pony ready for the kids to ride.



Chris Rizzo



Shauna with Davy and Capri

Veterinary Assistant Shauna Bishop is looking forward to enjoying some nice weather this summer. She is planning on planting some flowers and getting back to her regular walks with her dogs. Shauna recently attended a social media conference with Liz to "beef up" the BVVH Facebook page. She loves it when our friends share pictures of their pets on our page.



Nancy & Randall

Veterinary Technician Nancy Hensel welcomed a new grandchild Rachel Mae and a new Lionhead bunny, Randall Bing. She will be traveling to Scotland this summer and her son Matthew is getting married in September. Nancy and Missie recently attended continuing education for OSHA.

Dr. Schafer reports her family enjoyed a land and sea tour of Alaska last summer; a photographer's dream vacation! This year it's back to Ocean City, New Jersey before sending her son off to Elizabethtown College. She has gotten the entire office addicted to watching the Bald Eagle cam online this spring.



Dr. Schafer

Veterinary Assistant Missie Mayo is looking forward to celebrating her 20th wedding anniversary this year with a "surprise" trip in the fall. She is currently working on her "fabulousness" through continuing education, recently attending OSHA training with Nancy. Missie also helped fill 15,000 Easter eggs for her church, Bridge Community.



Missie & Gucci



Kirsten & Lacey

Veterinary Assistant Kirsten Bostelman recently enjoyed a trip to Mexico. She is also excited for the warmer weather to come and getting to go to the beach while spending time with friends and family this summer. Kirsten is also studying to take her technician certification this summer.



Liz with Tank

Practice Manager Liz Ingram is looking forward to trail riding, cross country, and swimming with her horse, Tank. She also loves concerts in the summer, hiking with her dog Darbie, and getting to the beach when she can. Liz will be attending the CVC conference in Washington, DC this spring!!



FLEA & TICK PREVENTION STEALS AND DEALS

Here are some great deals on preventatives to help protect your pets throughout the year...



We recommend giving all of your pets preventatives for fleas, ticks, parasites and heartworm year-round, and understand this can be expensive. Here are some manufacturer discounts and rebates for you to take advantage of.

☺ Frontline Plus® for Cats & Dogs—Buy 3 doses Get 1 FREE

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Dr. Schafer and Dr. Moss