


# SHAWNEE ANIMAL CLINIC



# NEWS

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Providing the latest news on events and community service projects from  
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## Free Heartworm Testing Clinic

On April 15th, 2023, Shawnee Animal Clinic hosted their 2nd annual Bark for Your Heart free heartworm testing clinic. At this event, 300 k-9 heartworm tests were performed and free preventions were given to those who tested negative for heartworm disease. This year, SAC partnered with the Portsmouth City Health Department and Sierra's Haven to offer discounted Rabies vaccines as well. "It is always an honor to serve our community," said Dr. Gail. "Heartworm disease in dogs can be very deadly, so the fact that we have the opportunity to offer free testing and preventions to our community saves more lives than you could imagine."

Heartworm disease is a serious and potentially fatal disease. It is caused by a blood-borne parasite that is carried and transmitted via mosquito bite. One dog may have as many as 300 worms present when diagnosed.



Adult heartworms cause disease by clogging the heart and major blood vessels leading from the heart. They also interfere with the function of valves within the heart. By clogging the main blood vessels, the blood supply to other organs of the body is reduced, particularly blood flow to the lungs, liver, and kidneys.

The most obvious clinical signs of heartworm disease are a soft, dry cough, shortness of breath, weakness, and loss of stamina. In advanced cases, congestive heart failure may cause the abdomen and legs to swell from fluid accumulation. There may also be evidence of weight loss, poor condition, and anemia.

# Bark for Your Heart

SAC's 2nd Annual Free Heartworm Testing Clinic



# Earth Day 2023

## 5 WAYS YOU & YOUR DOG CAN HELP OUR PLANET

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Earth Day is a great time for all of us to stop and evaluate our impact on the environment. A lot can be done to conserve and recycle in your home to reduce your family's environmental pawprint. Read on to learn 5 simple ways you and your pup can team up to help honor our planet on this Earth Day.

### 1. Recycle Pet Packaging

You may be thinking, what does my dog have to do with recycling? Well, think about all of the packaging that pet food, treats, and toys come in. We encourage you to recycle all of your pet's packaging that you can.

### 2. Recycle Old Pet Supplies

In addition to recycling pet packaging, you

should consider recycling your pet's gently used supplies and toys when it's time to make room for new ones. Many of us often don't consider this option, but there are a lot of shelters and rescues that would love to have your gently used pet supplies!

### 3. Use Eco-Friendly Products

There are a variety of eco-friendly products for pets that you can use. When purchasing new pet supplies, choose biodegradable, all-natural, or recyclable products, if available. Some examples of more eco-friendly pet products include:

- Biodegradable poop bags. Not all bags that claim "biodegradable" are, so do some research before choosing.
- Recyclable or sustainably sourced toys – to start, look for companies that are B-Corp registered.
- Plant-based cleaning products (some of which come in recyclable packaging)
- Recyclable containers and pet food packaging
- Hemp leashes and collars

### 4. Dispose of Pet Waste

When taking your pet on walks or to

the park, make sure you are prepared to properly dispose of your pet's waste. Before leaving the house, consider bringing a pooper scooper or clipping one of those small recyclable poop bag dispensers to your furry friend's leash.

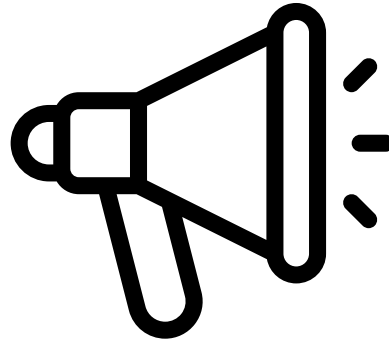
When at home clean up droppings around the yard at least once a week. You can either flush them down the toilet or dispose of them in a secured baggie in the trash can. Pet waste composters are also available if you are interested.

### 5. Take Your Pet for a Walk

Consider stepping outside and enjoying the beautiful weather we have been having. Leave behind the car and get some good, old-fashioned exercise with your pup.

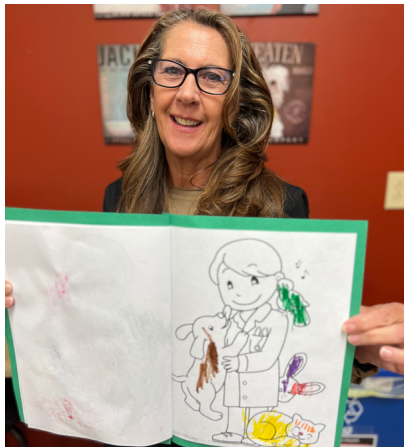


# ATTENTION



## SAC FYI

### ANNOUNCEMENTS & GENERAL INFO



#### Instant Rebates

\$15 Instant rebate and 2 free doses of Heartgard when you purchase 12 doses of Heartgard.

\$15 Instant rebate and 1 free dose of NexGard when you purchase 6 doses of NexGard.

\$45 Instant rebate and 2 free doses of NexGard when you purchase 12 doses of NexGard.

\$12 Instant rebate and 1 free dose of Frontline when you purchase 6 doses of Frontline. \*Feline only\*

#### Pre-K Career Day

A huge thank you goes out to the New Boston Pre-K classes who had us speak to them about being a veterinarian. Our staff loved the pictures you colored for us!

#### Heartgard/Nexgard Savings

We are offering free doses of Heartgard and NexGard while supplies last on eligible Heartgard & NexGard products. Savings are as follows:

\$80 Instant rebate PLUS 2 free doses of Heartgard & NexGard when you purchase 12 doses of Heartgard and 12 doses of NexGard.

\$30 Instant rebate PLUS 2 free doses of Heartgard & 1 free dose of NexGard when you purchase 12 doses of Heartgard and 6 doses of NexGard.

\$20 Instant rebate PLUS 1 free dose of Heartgard & NexGard when you purchase 6 doses of Heartgard and 6 doses of NexGard.

May 2023

Microchip Your Pet Month

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			Specially-Abled Pets Day Today we encourage you to adopt, love, and support differently-abled pets.	Cinco De Mayo Join us celebrating Mexico's victory over the Second French Empire at the Battle of Puebla in 1862.		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
National Pet Week Stop by and see us on National Pet Week for a free goodie bag for your pet, while supplies last.	National Animal Disaster Preparedness Day Today is the day to review your plan for your pet in the case of a disaster.					National Dog Mom's Day Celebrate all of those special dog mom's in your life today!
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Mother's Day Give your mom a little extra love today. Celebrate all she does for you and your family.	Mother's Day Join us in celebrating all of our SAC working moms!					National Rescue Dog Day Today is the perfect day to adopt a dog from Sierra's Haven, or donate to their cause.
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		World Turtle Day Help us celebrate, advocate for, and protect these precious creatures today.				
28	29	30	31			

Memorial Day  
Join us in honoring and mourning the U.S. military personnel who have died while serving our country.

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