

A close-up photograph of two dogs, one with brown and white spots and another with white and black spots, both wearing large, red, heart-shaped sunglasses with a rhinestone border. They are nestled in a thick bed of bright pink feathers. The background is a soft, out-of-focus brown.

SHAWNEE ANIMAL CLINIC

NEWS

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Providing the latest news on events and community service projects from
your friends at Shawnee Animal Clinic.

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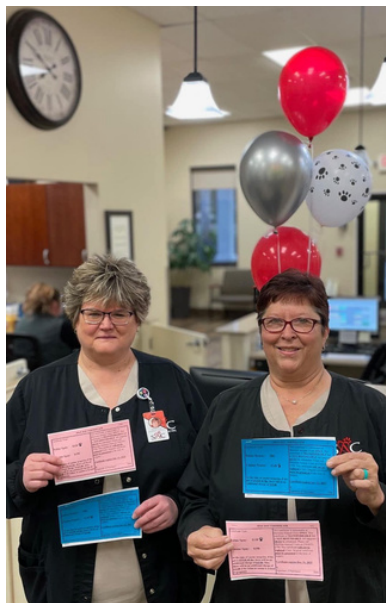


Discounted Spay & Neuter Coupons

On February 27th Shawnee Animal Clinic hosted their annual Spay Day Coupon Sale. National Spay Day is a nationally recognized day to urge pet owners to get their pets spayed and neutered. Why is this such an important step in pet ownership? We will give you a little more insight below.

At least three million adoptable cats and dogs are euthanized in the U.S. each year because they don't have homes — numbers largely attributable to unplanned litters that could have been prevented by spaying or neutering. Spaying and neutering can also reduce the incidence of some of the most common types of cat and dog cancers.

Failing to spay and neuter dogs and cats is responsible for millions of unwanted animals living on the streets without homes or food or being killed in shelters all over the world.



Getting your pet neutered or spayed means there'll be no more aggression or urine marking. There'll be less roaming, fighting, and moodiness. In exchange, your companions will also likely become more interested in you, instead of finding a mate. And they'll still protect you and your family.

Serving Our Community

National Spay Day 2023



Pet Poison Prevention

NATIONAL PET POISON PREVENTION MONTH

March is National Pet Poison Prevention Month. Many pet owners may think it's easy to keep hazardous substances away from pets, but accidental spills, dropped pills, and even beautiful bouquets can spell disaster for dogs and cats if they're consumed. With that being said, read the following list to become educated on some of the most commonly consumed pet toxins.

1. Medications, Prescription & Non-Prescription:

Over-the-counter (OTC) medications are the most common group of toxicants pets typically ingest. They include vitamins, OTC pain medications (acetaminophen, ibuprofen, and naproxen), herbal supplements, antihistamines, marijuana, and cold and flu medications. Ingestion of OTC medications is typically accidental, so

it's important to share the dangers of these common household items with your clients or new adopters.

3. Human Foods:

Unsafe human food consumption accounts for another large portion of our animal poison cases here at the hospital. Foods that can be extremely detrimental to your pet's health include: xylitol, grapes, raisins, onions, and garlic make up most of these cases.

4. Chocolate:

Chocolate consumption in pets, and health problems following, has become one of our most common reasons for pet toxin visits as well. The popularity of chocolate gifts for occasions like Christmas, Valentine's Day, and Easter adds to the danger.

5. Veterinary products:

Flavored medications and misread labels are a big reason pets run into trouble with veterinary products. Make sure you fully understand how you should give medication—and always remember that childproof does not mean petproof when it comes to containers.

6. Rodenticides:

Manufacturers of rat poisons make them tasty to attract the rats. But pets find them tasty, too. We have seen a large influx of patients who have become extremely ill after consuming rat poison.

7. Household Items:

Pets can easily get to household items like paint, glue and cleaning products, some of which are poisonous. The pandemic has doubled the calls about cleaning-product poisonings as people use bleach, alcohol and other products to combat the virus.

8. Plants:

Many indoor and outdoor plants are dangerous for pets.⁶ You may think of aloe as a healing plant, but it's toxic to dogs and cats. And the lilies in your Easter bouquet can cause kidney failure in cats.

Now that you know a little bit more about common pet toxins, you can better protect your pet. For more info tune in with us weekly on facebook, instagram, or TikTok to watch our information videos on the topic.

March 2023

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National Pig Day

Where are all of our piggy lovers?? Today is the day to celebrate these adorable creatures.

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Professional Pet Sitters Week

This annual observance honors professional pet-care providers

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K9 Veterans Day

This annual observance honors professional pet-care providers

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National Puppy Day

Today is the day to celebrate man's best friend.

Sierra's Haven's Pot of Luck Dinner

Join us for a night of dining and auctions!

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National Mom and Pop Business Owners Day

Join us in celebrating our local small businesses!

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