

# 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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# Newsletter



Our complimentary SAC Pet Resort & Spa doggy biscuit bar

## Barks, Beer, & BBQ

On September 15, 2022, Shawnee Animal Clinic hosted their first annual Barks, Beer, & BBQ Beer Walk fundraiser to benefit Sierra's Haven for New & Used Pets. At this event, Shawnee Animal Clinic provided a beer truck with 16 craft beers on tap, 4 local food vendors participated, and 24 local small businesses set up to sell their unique items. This event was free to the public.

The night began with a musical performance by JJ McIntire and ended with The Josh Stewart Band. Over the course of our 4 hour event, we were able to raise over \$7,000 for Sierra's Haven for New & Used Pets. The shelter was also able to find furever homes for 6 pets during the event. Fundraising for Sierra's Haven was obtained through beer sales, adoption fees, raffle ticket sales, a split the pot drawing, and donations from each food vendor.

This event was a huge success for Sierra's Haven, and fundraisers like these are vital to their business. Due to the fact that the shelter is a non-profit organization, they rely solely on donations and fundraising to keep their doors open. Dr Gail, founder of Sierra's Haven, shared her gratitude and thoughts on the



Gail Counts, Owner Sierra's Haven

event saying, " I would like to personally thank each and every person who attended and each and every vendor who participated in Barks, Beer, & BBQ. There was an amazing turnout and we are able to provide so many more pets with high quality care because of the funds we raised. We can't wait until next year's event, which we have already gotten a head start on planning. Keep an eye out for more information, because our 2nd Annual Barks, Beer, & BBQ will be even bigger and even better than our 1st! We even have a new location secured so the event can take place in rain or shine. Thank you again, from the bottom of my heart."

# Barks, Beer, & BBQ

CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL

Fundraising for Sierra's Haven



# Service Dogs

## UNDERSTANDING AND RESPECTING

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The month of September was National Service Dog Month. Dogs are integral to our lives. They act as lifelong companions and best friends to their owners. Studies show that dogs provide serious health benefits, like lowering stress and improving levels happiness for their owner. These abilities, combined with special training, make service dogs one of the most useful tools an individual with disabilities can take advantage of. During the last decade, that is just what people have been doing. The number of registered service dogs in the United States has skyrocketed over the last 10 years. With the number of service dogs increasing, however, the problems that come with lack of understanding about service dogs have also increased. Read on to learn a few key facts about service dogs so we can close the knowledge gap and begin to truly understand the need for service animals.

### What Is A Service Dog?

A service dog is an animal who has had professional training to help a person with disabilities lead a more independent life. According to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), a service dog is “a dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for a person with a disability.” The ADA prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in employment, state and local government, commercial facilities, transportation, and telecommunications.

The tasks a service dog performs vary according to its owners disabilities. For example, a guide dog helps his blind owner navigate through his environment. A hearing dog helps alert his deaf owner to important sounds. Mobility dogs assist their owners who have walking devices, wheelchairs, or balance issues. Medical alert dogs have been trained to signal the onset of a medical issue such as a seizure or low blood sugar episode. Psychiatric service dogs assist their owners with disabilities such as obsessive-compulsive disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder, schizophrenia, and other conditions. Ways they help these individuals

include entering a dark room and turning on a light to mitigate stress-inducing condition, interrupting repetitive behaviors, and reminding a person to take medication.

### Fake Service Dogs

Federal laws provide special accommodations to disabled persons and limit the questions that may be asked about their disabilities. Sadly, these laws are often taken advantage of by those who misrepresent their dogs as service animals. This creates problems for those who are truly disabled and affects the reputation of legitimate service dog owners. To help mitigate this misrepresentation of service animals, some state and local governments have made it an offense to misrepresent service animals.

It is important to show respect and never misrepresent a service dog. These companions have important work that they have trained tirelessly to complete. Not to mention, their owners have conditions which they truly require help to navigate. Another important note is to refrain from touching or calling a service animal, as that could distract them from their important job.



# Wellness Exams

## THE IMPORTANCE OF PET WELLNESS CHECKS

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Every pet owner knows their cat or dog's most coveted snacks, favorite window perches or places to go on walks. You even know which side of your bed they like to sleep on! But as an owner, do you know when your pet's kidneys start to malfunction, or if their joints are really starting to ache because of hip dysplasia or knee pain? This is why it is so important to schedule regular pet wellness exams with our pet's veterinarian.

Regular physical exams (every 6 months to once per year) are important to help detect any changes that come with aging, such as arthritis and dental disease. During those pet wellness exams, your vet can go over important life stage changes and make appropriate dietary recommendations and advise you on how to maintain an appropriate active lifestyle for your pet.

Parts of the physical exam include listening to the heart, feeling the abdominal organs, checking hips and knees, and also checking their dental health: teeth and gums. Blood work often plays a vital role in evaluating organ function and aids in detecting infection, anemia, diabetes, kidney failure, thyroid disease and other medical conditions. When caught in early stages many diseases can be well maintained, or even treated and cured.

Cats and dogs age at a much more rapid rate than we do, and it is important to play a proactive role in your pet's health. Cats are very good at hiding when they don't feel well, so often don't come in to the exam room until they are very sick.

Just like with our own health, it is always best to be proactive and take preventative measures to help your pet live a comfortable and happy life. Routine pet wellness exams with your veterinarian can help you play an active role in ensuring your pet's longevity. What matters most for you and your pet is to be able to share a quality of life that is as healthy, active and comfortable as can be!



OCTOBER  
**Breast**  
**CANCER**  
AWARENESS

**IN HONOR OF BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH,  
WE WILL BE SELLING PAW PRINTS FOR \$1 EACH.  
ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO SOMC  
COMPASSION FUND.**

**IF YOU DONATE \$3, WE DONATE \$3**  
YOUR NAME WILL BE WRITTEN ON YOUR PAW PRINT AND DISPLAYED IN OUR MOOCHIE STORE.



**SHAWNEE ANIMAL CLINIC GOES PINK! OUR OWNERS HAVE AGREED TO MATCH  
ALL DONATIONS RECEIVED BY OUR GENEROUS CLIENTS IN OCTOBER OF 2022.**

**WHAT YOU DONATE WE'LL MATCH!**



Shawnee Animal Clinic will be holding our annual SOMC Compassion Fund Drive here at the clinic. In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, we will be selling pink paw-prints for \$1.00 each. For each dollar donation we receive, we will donate a dollar to the SOMC Compassion Fund. It is our hope that through this fundraiser, we can raise funds for research and treatment, and raise awareness of this awful disease.

Every dollar counts when it comes to raising money for the Compassion Fund. This fund is used to support patients and assist with needs such as utilities, medications, transportation and common necessities needed during cancer care. This cause is very important to us here at SAC!



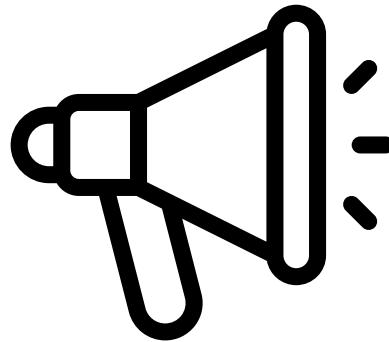
Photo from our 2021 Compassion Fund Drive

## Upcoming Events

SHAWNEE ANIMAL CLINIC GOES PINK

Donate to an Amazing Cause

**ATTENTION**



# SAC FYI

ANNOUNCEMENTS &  
GENERAL INFO

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## Follow Us On TikTok

Your friends at Shawnee Animal Clinic have now joined TikTok! Follow us on the app to see some hilarious and wholesome short veterinary related content.

## Heartgard/Nexgard Fall Savings

We are offering free doses of Heartgard and NexGard now until November 2022 on eligible Heartgard & NexGard products. Savings are as follows:

When you purchase 6 doses of an eligible Heartgard product, you receive 1 dose of Heartgard for free.

When you purchase 6 doses of an eligible NexGard product, you receive 1 dose of NexGard for free.

October 2022

National Pet Wellness Month



**Walk Your Dog Week**

We know the weather is getting cold, but your best friend still loves to get out and walk!

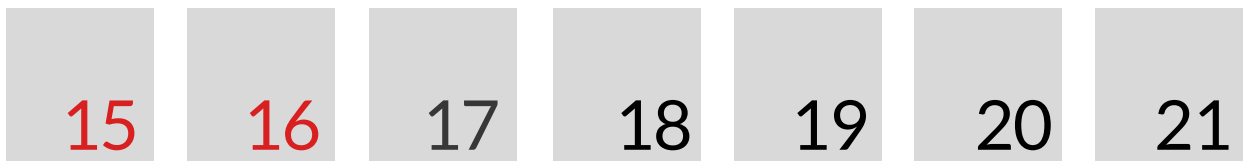
**World Animal Day**

Honor all of the special animals in your life on this day all about them!



**Pet Obesity Awareness Day**

Obesity in pets is a serious issue. Check out our FB for more info.



**Vet Tech Week**

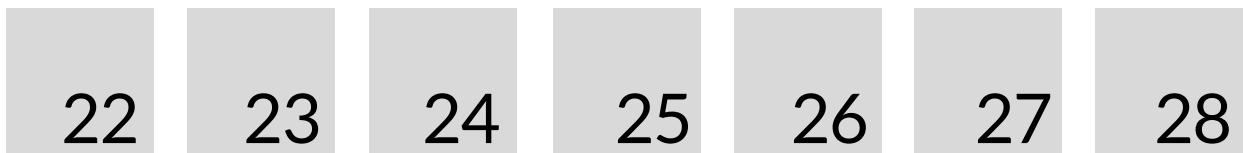
Join us in celebrating all our amazing vet techs on their special day!

**Global Cat Day**

Today is the day to celebrate all of our precious cats. Share a photo of your SAC cat and tag us on facebook!

**Reptile Awareness Day**

Take a moment to learn a new fact about reptiles today!



**National Black Cat Day**

Read up on some lore about black cats today. It's sure to get you in the spooky season spirit!



**Pit Bull Awareness Day**

Join us on facebook to learn more about this loving breed.

**Halloween**

It's arguably one of the best holidays of the year! If you dress up your dog for Halloween, tag us on Facebook!

EVENTS BY SAC ARE IN RED