



Franklin Farm
VETERINARY CLINIC

HOURS
Monday - Friday: 7:30am-6:30pm
Saturday: Closed
Sunday: Closed

October 2023 Newsletter

Fear Free Veterinary Care For Your Furry Friends. That's Franklin Farm.

HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS!

Written by the ASPCA

Halloween can be the spookiest night of the year, but keeping your pets safe doesn't have to be tricky. The ASPCA recommends taking these simple, common-sense precautions to keep your pet happy and healthy all the way to November 1.

Stash the Treats

The candy bowl is for trick-or-treaters, not Scruffy or Fluffy. Several popular Halloween treats are toxic to pets. Chocolate in all forms—especially dark or baking chocolate—can be very dangerous for cats and dogs, and sugar-free candies containing the sugar substitute xylitol can cause serious problems in pets. **If you suspect your pet has ingested something toxic, please call your veterinarian or the [ASPCA Poison Control Center](https://www.aspca.org/pet-care/animal-poison-control) at (888) 426-4435 immediately.**

Watch the Decorations and Keep Wires Out of Reach

While a carved jack-o-lantern certainly is festive, pets can easily knock over a lit pumpkin and start a fire. Curious kittens are especially at risk of getting burned or singed by candle flame. Popular Halloween plants such as pumpkins and decorative corn are considered relatively nontoxic, but can produce stomach discomfort in pets who nibble on them.

Be Careful with Costumes

For some pets, wearing a costume may cause undue stress. The ASPCA recommends that you don't put your dog or cat in a costume unless you know he or she loves it. If you do dress up your pet for Halloween, make sure the costume does not limit his or her movement, sight or ability to breathe, bark or meow. Check the costume carefully for small, dangling or easily chewed-off pieces that could present a choking hazard. Ill-fitting outfits can get twisted on external objects or your pet, leading to injury.

Be sure to have your pet try on the costume before the big night. If he or she seems distressed or shows abnormal behavior, consider letting your pet wear his or her “birthday suit” or don a festive bandana instead.

Keep Pets Calm and Easily Identifiable

Halloween brings a flurry of activity with visitors arriving at the door, and too many strangers can often be scary and stressful for pets. All but the most social dogs and cats should be kept in a separate room away from the front door during peak trick-or-treating hours. While opening the door for guests, be sure that your dog or cat doesn’t dart outside. And always make sure your pet is wearing proper identification—if for any reason he or she does escape, a collar with ID tags and/or a microchip can be a lifesaver for a lost pet.

With these helpful safety tips Halloween can be a happy, healthy and stressless time for you and your fur babies.



Dogs Corner



Dog Fact: The Filo Brasileiro, commonly known as the Brazilian Mastiff, was first bred in Brazil as a working dog. They are brown, with long floppy ears and a dark muzzle. They are generally friendly to people and animals they know; the Filo Brasileiro can be very protective around its family and home. Their size and loyalty mean a perceived threat could result in a harmful bite or attack. Please get to know these dogs before trying to pet them.

Cats Corner

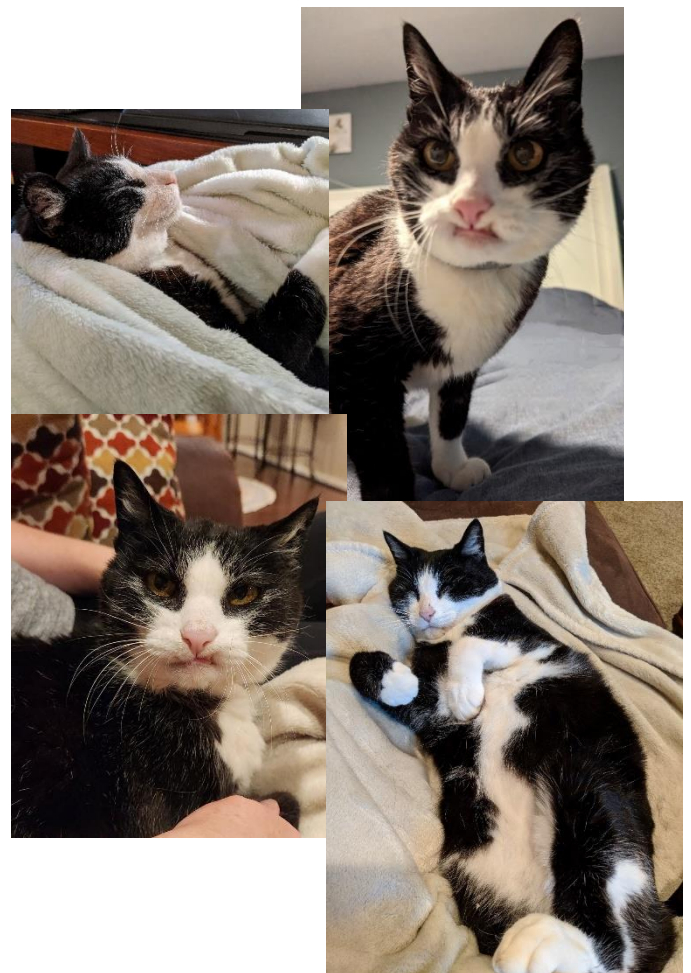


Cat Fact: The number one spookiest cat is the Lykoi. They are dubbed the “werewolf” cats and look like tiny baby werewolves. The word Lykoi is Greek for wolves. They originated in Vonore, Tennessee and have a coarse black and sparse coat. Lykoi cats are very easygoing, affectionate, and playful. They are perfect companions for Halloween and all year-round!

Pet of the Month – Ozzy

Written By: The Hamill Family
and Erin Atsaves

“Ozzy was born in Okinawa, Japan and became part of our family while his dad was stationed there in the military. He has traveled all over with us throughout his 16 years. Ozzy loves to talk and tell everyone about his day and never passes up a good snuggle with everyone in the house including the dog. His favorite activities are watching the birds and squirrels in the yard, finding a lap to sit in and napping in a good sun spot. A fun Ozzy fact is that he enjoys full on belly rubs!” – the Hamill family



PET DENTAL AWARENESS:

Due to the many pets needing dental services, we are extending our bookings through October and November. Book your pet's dental cleaning during this time and receive \$100.00 off the cost of the dental cleaning and comprehensive oral exam.



RUFFerral Program:

At Franklin Farm we believe "RUFFerrals" are the greatest form of flattery. Refer a friend and your pet will receive a \$25.00 credit at your next appointment. Your referral's pet will receive a FREE bag of treats at their first appointment.



Celebrations in October:

National Veterinary Technician Week October 15th-21st:

Veterinary technicians are critical to the day-to-day function of veterinary practices, and play vital roles in preserving animal health and welfare. This week provides an opportunity to recognize veterinary technicians' contributions. We honor their commitment to compassionate, high quality veterinary care for all animals.

National and World Pet Obesity Awareness:

The 2022 Pet Obesity Report stated that pet obesity rates in the US have continued to increase, with 59% of dogs and 61% of cats classified as overweight or have obesity in 2022.

Things to help prevent overweight or obese pets are: weigh your pet every 1-6 months, calculate daily caloric needs and feed accordingly. Play and give love and attention to your pets in place of treats. Your veterinarian can determine your pet's body condition score and give helpful advice and resources for maintaining a healthy body weight.



Cancellation Policy:

Hello Everyone:

We need your help! If you are unable to keep your appointment for any reason, please call to reschedule or cancel the **appointment more than 24 hours in advance of your scheduled appointment time.**

This allows ample time for other clients to call and get their fur babies seen.

We understand that you all have a lot going on in your lives and unexpected things pop up, so please remember to contact us **more than 24 hours** in advance of your scheduled appointment time.

We have implemented a Cancellation Policy, as follows:

If you need to reschedule or cancel your appointment, please do so **more than 24 hours** in advance of your appointment time. If you reschedule/cancel less than 24 hours leading up to your appointment, or no show, you will be charged for the office visit fee correlating to your appointment.

When you reschedule or cancel **more than 24 hours** in advance, it allows other patients to be seen in your rescheduled/canceled spot. This ensures the best opportunity for care for all of our patients.

Thank you for your anticipated assistance!

