

Summit Boulevard Animal Hospital

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CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXCELLENCE

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NEW: WELLNESS PLANS.

What is a Wellness Plan?

A wellness plan is an annual package of services that includes the optimal preventive health care services that your pet needs to stay happy and healthy. Our wellness plans are based on the age and the specific needs of each individual pet. Your veterinarian will make a plan recommendation after conducting a comprehensive examination of your pet.

Does My Pet Need a Wellness Plan?

Absolutely. From the time your pet is a puppy or kitten to her most senior years, providing your pet with annual preventive healthcare is the very best gift you can give them. Keeping your pet on a wellness plan helps prevent diseases, and because our plans include two annual preventive care exams and diagnostic testing, if your pet does get sick it will be detected early on, which results in faster, more effective treatment.

We are now offering wellness plans as low as \$69.00 a month.

BENEFITS: Proactive preventive care will save lives in addition to saving money. We are now offering **UNLIMITED FREE OFFICE VISITS** with our wellness plans.

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Our doctors and staff want to thank you for giving us the privilege of caring for your pet's for the last 30 years.

Our team members are dedicated to improving the health of your pets!

What is included in our advanced Wellness Plans?

1. Annual and Semi-annual full physical exam
2. Vaccinations for a full year
3. Heartworm Prevention for a full year
4. Professional Dental Cleaning
5. Annual detect and protect blood test
6. Annual Urinalysis
7. Unlimited Free Office visits

PAINFUL CONDITIONS/DISEASES IN PETS.

5 Most Common Painful Pet Common Conditions/Diseases Diagnosed at Summit Boulevard Animal Hospital

1. Ear infections

External ear infections are very common finding in pets. An inner ear infection may also cause your pet to do a lot of scratching plus head tipping. Look for fur loss on the outside of the ear and bright red or scabby skin. A good way to tell an ear infection from a skin infection of the outer could be black tarry, brown, yellow, or bloody discharge and odor coming from the inside of the ear. Bacteria is the most common cause of ear infections, but other possible culprits include yeasts, fungi, and ear mites.

2. Dental disease:

Most pets with painful dental conditions do not show clinical signs that are obvious to the owner, but this does not mean that they are not feeling pain. They cannot tell you about the pain. In the wild, animals tend to hide signs of illness or weakness - dogs and cats possess this instinct.

Many painful dental conditions develop gradually, and are more common in middle-aged and older pets. As a result, behavior that the owner interprets as "acting grumpy" may be the result of dental pain. Owners often observe that their pet acts "years younger" following dental treatment.

3. Gastro-enteritis:

Gastroenteritis, which is a general term for inflammation of the gastrointestinal tract, presents the same unpleasant painful symptoms in dogs that it does in humans, like vomiting and diarrhea. There are many causes for this painful gastroenteritis like 1. Foreign body 2. Pancreatitis 3. Infectious agents like Parvo virus disease 4. Liver diseases 5. Kidney diseases 6. Food allergy/intolerance

etc. Fortunately our Veterinarians are very knowledgeable in Gastrointestinal diseases.

4. Eye infections:

Just like people pet's also get pink eye-Conjunctivitis. Glaucoma is extremely painful. You can easily spot an eye infection Any crustiness or discharge around the eye, tear-stained fur on the face, and redness or inflammation of the eyelid lining is not normal. Be sure to call us to check your pet's eyes regularly and yearly eye pressure check to rule out glaucoma.

5. Skin infections

Skin infections in dogs can be easy to spot. You may begin to notice bald patches on their coat or a smell permeating from their fur even after they've gotten a bath. Your dog's skin might also look red, scabby, and have small raised bumps or pimples. They will also want to scratch the infected area a lot. Allergic dermatitis, scabs, hot spots, and excessive scratching, licking or biting at skin can cause severe discomfort, pain to your pet and cause sleepless nights for the owner.

In addition to the above mentioned painful conditions/diseases in pets there are several other conditions/diseases that cause severe pain. Fortunately our Doctors and other team members are knowledgeable in recognizing and alerting pet owners and request permission to intervene on behalf of our pet patients and helping them to live a pain free happy life.



We are a green digital animal hospital.

Please update us with your primary important email address. We will keep this email address confidential. Your email address will be used for communicating with you, providing you with medical alerts, reminders, and alert you about our hospital specials, and coupons.

What is AAHA Accreditation?

Unlike human hospitals, veterinary hospitals are not required to be accredited by the government.

Summit Boulevard Animal Hospital is an accredited member of the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) for the last 26 years.

AAHA is the only organization in North America that inspects and evaluates veterinary hospitals. Since 1991, we have regularly undergone evaluations by AAHA to ensure that we comply with the association's high quality standards of Veterinary Care. These standards cover nearly every aspects of our hospital, including anesthesia, surgery, pharmacy, laboratory, patient care, pain management, house keeping and maintenance, client service, emergency services, diagnostic imaging, and medical records. Approximately 12 percent of animal hospitals and veterinary clinics in North America are accredited by AAHA.

What is Heartworm Disease

Heartworm disease is a serious and potentially fatal disease in pets in the United States and many other parts of the world. It is caused by foot-long worms (heartworms) that live in the heart, lungs and associated blood vessels of affected pets, causing severe lung disease, heart failure and damage to other organs in the body. Heartworm disease affects dogs, cats and ferrets, but heartworms also live in other mammal species, including wolves, coyotes, foxes, sea lions and—in rare instances—humans. Because wild species such as foxes and coyotes live in proximity to many urban areas, they are considered important carriers of the disease

How Can we Control Heartworm Disease?

For Dogs:

We recommend a single injection that will provide 6 months continuous protection against deadly heartworm disease in dogs

For Cats:

We recommend a monthly topical application that provided protection against heartworms, fleas, ear mites and parasites.

Heartworm Facts:

1. Heartworm is present in all 50 states.
2. Heartworm is a real threat if your dog is not on preventative.
3. In endemic areas such as the South, almost 1 out of every 2 dogs will get heartworm if not on preventative. The risk goes up the warmer the climate and the prevalence of mosquitoes.
4. Early detection of heartworm disease means better prognosis, better outcome with treatment.

5. Most heartworm preventatives also give your dog extra protection against other parasites..

6. Staging of heartworm infection requires bloodwork and chest X-rays.

7. Cost of heartworm treatment is same as the cost of 12 years of heartworm preventive

10. Heartworm prevention will save you money and will prevent your pet's agonizing demise.



Did you know?

One year between exam for a human is like every 7 years for a dog or cat . Our pets already have a short life span. We recommend regular physical exam by our Veterinarians every 6 months . Our hospital team has been working hard to extend lives of our pet patients through preventive care.

Boarding Kennel

We provide Veterinarian supervised boarding kennel for dogs, cats and exotic pets in our air-conditioned state of the art facility with standby generator and state of the art fire detection alarm system that is connected with 4 dedicated phone lines to our fire alarm monitoring station 24/7 and also with the Palm Beach County Fire department sub station located within a block from our hospital.

Oral Tumors

Oral tumors are known for being aggressive. Even the vigilant owner can miss oral tumors due to the difficulty of oral exam.

Did you know?

Dental disease is a hidden disease.

Proactive preventive care is essential to prevent expensive and painful periodontal disease.

All cats and small dogs under will need professional dental cleaning at 1 year of age and every year thereafter. Large dogs needs first dental at the age of 2 years and every year thereafter.

PET GROOMING

Did you know?

Our groomer is available daily.

Dog grooming isn't a canine luxury. It's a necessity, and it doesn't have to break the bank. Keeping your pet well groomed not only makes for a clean-smelling companion, it also helps keep your dog more comfortable and allows you to spot health problems before they become serious, like skin infections, lumps, bumps, and growths





Our In house Lab helps us with fast diagnosis

Our standby 24/7 diesel generator

Specials and Coupons

\$5.00 OFF Pet Grooming, Expires 2-28-17

\$5.00 Off, when you purchase 6 months supply of our safe and effective Flea and Tick Products.

10% off Boarding. Expires 2-28-17

Discount Bath-Spa day-Every Thursdays

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The pictures above illustrates the hidden nature of dental disease and pain pets undergo without the knowledge of pet owners.

Dental Special!

20% OFF Dental Cleaning

Offer expires 2-28-17

Need we say more?

Dental disease is the number one disease diagnosed in dogs and cats over 3 years of age.

Dental disease cause excruciating pain

Dental disease can cause heart valve disease and heart failure

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