



BVH Newsletter

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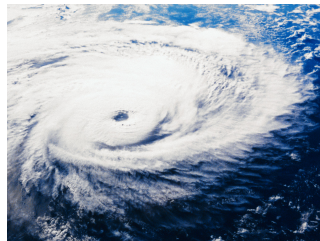


Dog Talk

We are now offering the 4Dx blood screening test for our canine friends. It has the capability to detect Heartworm Disease plus Ehrlichiosis, Lyme Disease and Anaplasmosis. Why are these tests important? You will know immediately if your dog has been exposed to these diseases or if treatment is needed. **Anaplasmosis** is an emerging disease that is surpassing Lyme disease in some areas of the country. It is a tick-borne disease that attacks the canine's white blood cells. **Ehrlichiosis** is the

second most common canine infectious disease in the United States.

Lyme disease can be found in every U.S. state and has reached an endemic level in Virginia. **Heartworm** Disease is carried by mosquitoes. So what can you do for your pet? Early intervention is key to a lifetime of good health for your pet. Ask for the simple screening test, which can be performed in just minutes during your visit. Be consistent in applying your monthly flea and tick and mosquito preventative.



Hurricane Season is here!

For more information on disaster preparedness

plans for your pets go to our website at blvdvet.com and click on Seasonal Tips.



Rain! Rain! And More Rain!

With all the rain we have been having, you need to be aware of an intestinal disease called Giardiasis. The microorganism, *Giardia lamblia*, can infect

animals who consume contaminated water. The disease causes a painful intestinal condition resulting in persistent diarrhea with pale, greasy, occasionally bloody stool. Diagnosis can be difficult, therefore repeated microscopic stool samples are often needed to find the cysts. With all the rain comes standing water. Ensure your pet is not drinking out of muddy or contaminated water. Clean up your pet's stool

and do not let children handle the stool.



Kitty Corner

During the shedding season, your cat may be vomiting clumps of hair called "hairballs". Sometimes these hairballs are found around your house or may be vomited up with food after your cat eats. Give us a call so we can offer some simple solutions to make your cat more comfortable and help get rid of those hairballs!

Please remember to send in pictures of your pets for our pet gallery located on our homepage at www.blvdvet.com

Loyal Client Program

Our patients who receive all of their health care needs including appropriate vaccinations, heartworm and flea preventative at Boulevard Veterinary Hospital on a continuous basis will earn a 10% discount on services, after a one year qualification period. You may also want to consider utilizing a pet insurance program to help offset some of the medical costs of raising a pet. Check out our website for more information.

Our Pet Gallery is growing and we would love to have a picture of your pet on our homepage gallery!

If you have topics you would like to read about in the Newsletter please feel free to email them to me anytime.