

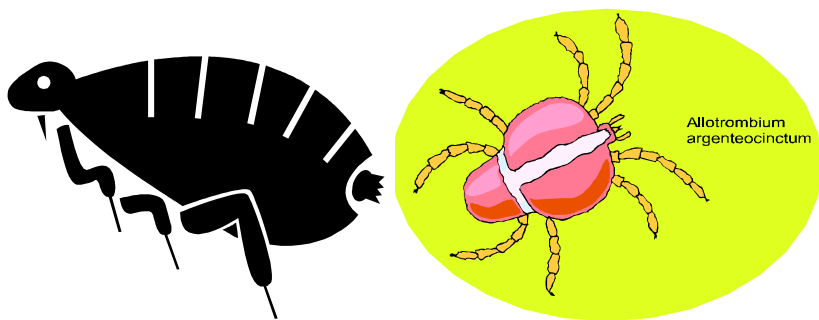
# BVH SPRING 2009 NEWSLETTER



*NEWS YOU CAN USE!*

**Effective April 1, 2009 Boulevard Veterinary Hospital will be closed on Wednesdays. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.**

**You may now email your prescription refill request to [blvdvethospital@verizon.net](mailto:blvdvethospital@verizon.net) and it will be ready for pickup the next business day after 11:00 a.m. Be sure to include your name and your pet's name and a current phone number you can be reached at.**



**With the Spring season upon us, the arrival of fleas, ticks, and mosquitoes is here as well. We have already seen many patients infested with fleas and ticks. If you are not already doing it, you should begin applying monthly flea and tick preventative to your pet immediately. You may not see them until it is too late and your pet becomes infested or worse,**

showing signs of itching, scratching, and hotspots from flea dermatitis. We have several brands of flea and tick preventatives here at the hospital and our staff will be glad to show you how to properly administer the product on your pet or administer it for you. **Heartworm disease** is carried by infected mosquitoes and is completely preventable by keeping your pet on Heartworm prevention year round. There are several options available in the prevention of Heartworm Disease to include a monthly chewable tablet or a Proheart six-month injection for those of you who don't want to give the chewable tablet on a monthly basis. A Heartworm Occult Blood Test is required annually in order to receive a prescription for the chewable tablets and topical application (Heartguard, Interceptor, Revolution, etc). In order to receive the Proheart injection, certain medical screening tests must be performed to ensure your pet meets the medical guidelines required for the administration of the Proheart injection. Our staff will be glad to review the prerequisites required, just give us a call at 461-4416. Heartworm disease can lead to death. Treatment for the disease in canines is aggressive and expensive!!!! So be preventative! There is no known cure for heartworms in cats!

The Heartworm test we use also includes checks for three tickborne diseases, **Lyme Disease**, **Anaplasmosis**, and **Ehrlichia**.

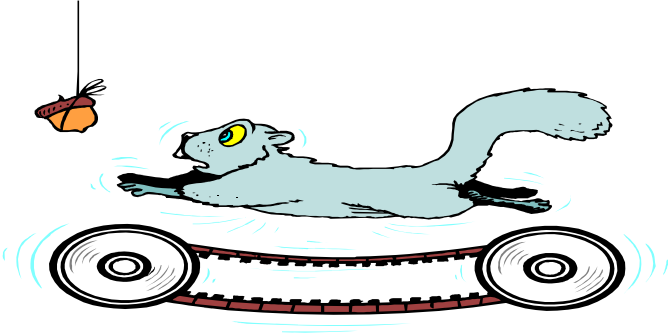
**Check out our homepage for Spring Seasonal Tips at [www.blvdvethospital.com](http://www.blvdvethospital.com)!**



**Spring also brings new puppies, kittens, rabbits....!!  
We are here to help you with all the information and helpful  
hints on raising the newborns running around your house (the  
animals that is!). We have new puppy and kitten packs full of  
good information about vaccines, diet, and behavior.**



**Schedule Your Pets Springtime Bath!  
Let your pet enjoy a relaxing Hydrosurge Bath which includes  
a pedicure and ear cleaning. You can drop off your pet in the  
morning and pick them up in the afternoon. We also offer  
body shaves and sanitary trims.**



**Is your pet overweight and no longer able to chase the squirrels? Stop by and check out our underwater treadmill! With proper diet and exercise we can help your pet shed some of those winter pounds!**

**In the news....there has been concern about a new product on the market called "Cocoa Mulch". It is made from spent cocoa beans used in chocolate production and it smells like chocolate. It is used in gardens to deter slugs, and snails. Dogs have been known to be attracted to the smell and then ingest the mulch. The cocoa beans contain caffeine and theobromine which can cause gastrointestinal upset to include vomiting, diarrhea, and or abdominal pain. High doses can cause rapid heart rate, muscle tremor, seizures, and death. If you suspect your dog has eaten cocoa bean mulch, immediately contact your veterinarian (461-4416) and/or Animal Poison Control Center (1-888-426-4435).**

**Don't forget to email me your pet photos for the hospital pet gallery displayed on our homepage! You can email them to [blvdvethospital@verizon.net](mailto:blvdvethospital@verizon.net)**