



BVH Newsletter

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Dog Talk

Is your dog feeling a little “over the hill” these days? The importance of a Geriatric Profile for your senior pet is utmost in knowing the status of everything from important organ functions to systemic chemical levels in the blood and urine. Our pets age much faster than we as humans do. Their body changes may require diet adjustment or supplements to enhance their senior life. A senior profile may help preempt health problems before they become life-threatening or uncomfortable conditions. Most Geriatric profiles consist of a full profile blood test, Electrocardiogram (ECG), Chest X-Ray, Urinalysis, Glaucoma Test and

Physical exam. When your pet reaches the age of 8 years or older you may want to consider a Geriatric profile.

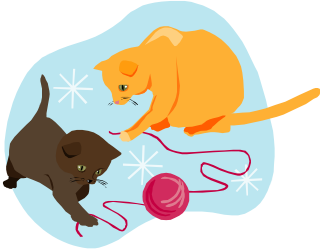


Heartworm News

Mosquito season is quickly going to be upon us. Many people think that heartworms can only be infectious during the summer hot months. This is a myth! Heartworms can be transmitted year round and unless you have stayed on top of giving regular monthly heartworm preventative to your pet, your pet could contract those silent and deadly heartworms. Heartworm tests are an annual requirement prior to receiving a prescription for your next year of prevention. The heartworm test requires a very small amount of

blood to be tested to ensure your pet currently does not have heartworms. If you were to administer the heartworm preventative to your pet and it had heartworms it may very likely kill your pet. The annual heartworm test ensures your pet's status prior to receiving that new prescription and may save your pet's life! If your pet contracts heartworms the treatment is very painful for your pet to undergo and can be expensive as well as there is no guarantee that your pet will survive the treatment due to how hard it is on the heart and liver.

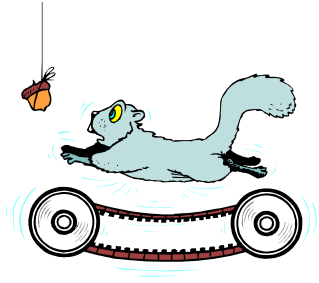
March is Geriatric Check-up Month. Ask us about our special on Geriatric Profiles!



Kitty Corner

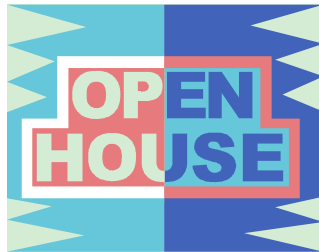
All those cute kittens will be running around soon as spring comes upon us. Remember that felines exposed to the outdoors are susceptible to contracting all sorts of things unless they get an early start on immunizations. Kittens can get upper respiratory infections and spread it quickly amongst themselves. Ask us what vaccines are required and recommended for your fancy felines.

Don't forget to send in pictures of your pets for our pet gallery located on our homepage at www.blvdvet.com

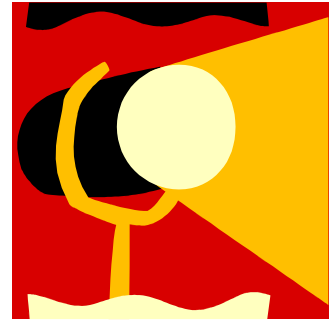


Underwater Treadmill

Does your pet need to lose some weight before it hits the beach this summer? Stop by and check out our underwater treadmill. We also offer post-op patients a healthier recovery with the use of the underwater treadmill. The water offers buoyancy and takes the weight off the legs so the animal can therapeutically work muscles that need rehabilitation.



Get ready for our Open House coming May 10th!



Pet in the Spotlight!

One day I was driving down a country road in Northern Virginia way out in the wilderness. As I was driving I noticed the sun shining on what looked like fur. I thought to myself "did I see something"? I pulled over and at the edge of a field there was a drainage ditch and sitting right outside that ditch were two abandoned puppies, full of worms and ticks and starving. "Sunshine" and "Thundercloud" needless to say came home with me that day.