



# Pets and Vets as Partners and PetMedSpa and Rehab. Center

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## Happy St-Patrick Day

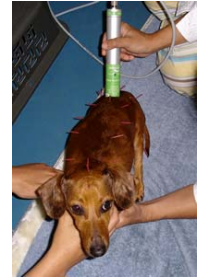
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## New equipment for rehab.

The Rehabilitation Center and Pets and Vets as Partners have acquired a state-of-the-art Laser Light Therapy. Laser Light Therapy is used as an effective treatment for acute and chronic pain. The application of light therapy is used for soft tissue repair and regeneration. Low level lasers send cold light through skin layers to soft tissue cells to stimulate blood flow and cell metabolism.

We use a small machine that emits red and near infrared light waves in a concentrated area to stimulate healing. The laser light directs biostimulation energy to the body's injured cells in a specific location. The cells transform this energy into chemical energy promoting natural healing and pain relief through tissue repair. The laser light provides topical heating for temporary increase of local blood circulation (wound, hotspot...), for temporary relief of minor muscle and joint aches, pains, and stiffness, and for temporary relaxation of muscles, temporary relief of muscle spasms, and short term relief of minor pain and stiffness associated with arthritis. We are very excited to offer this unique service in our area to our patients.



## Open House

May 31th

Mark your calendar!

## Share the Care Referral Program

Ask us!



Happy Easter  
Happy Passover

## Dog Walk

The Arc of Tippecanoe County will have a dog walk to be held at the Lilly Nature Center at the Celery Bog on Saturday, April 19 from 9:00 a.m. till Noon.



This fundraiser is to support programs for people with diverse disabilities. Note that

March is disability awareness month.

## Lilly and Chocolate Toxicities

Easter is coming; chocolate rabbits and lilies are at our doors. But beware, they can be toxic for your pets. Chocolate is a strong stimulant and your pet could become hyperactive, than vomiting could start which could signal a serious situation. Wrapping paper is also very popular with pets but, if eaten can cause blockage.



Plants are also hazardous, mainly for cats. One leaf or 2 can be enough to intoxicate your cat. The cat may vomit and become lethargic. The condition may progress to renal failure within 24 to 48 hours.

Treatment consists of inducing vomiting, intravenous fluid, and supportive treatment. Bloodwork will help determine the severity of the intoxication. The clue for a successful recovery is to act quickly. And don't forget, that raisins are also toxic to pets!

## Fleas and ticks are back!

Flea and tick season is back. New exciting products are on the market. Pro-Meris from Fort Dodge is a monthly topical product for flea and tick control. It contains a new active ingredient "metaflumizone". Advantage Multi is a topical monthly application protecting your pet from fleas, ticks, and heartworms.

Woof Studio coming at Pets and Vets on Saturday, May 24



## Is your dog or cat fit?

Take a view from above his back; you should see a curve between the thorax and the hips. That is the best way to see if your pet has an ideal fit.

Tips to keep your pet fit:

\*feed for his ideal weight

\*exercise



## Forgive our food tester!

Bob likes to open food bags with his teeth but he usually gets caught before tasting the food.

As Bob has a learning disability, we struggle with educating him regarding his boundaries. We apologize for any tooth marks on food bags .

## 35 tips about puppies

- 1.Choose the breed that best fits your lifestyle.
- 2.Look for puppies who are eager to greet you.
- 3.Choose a healthy puppy. Have your veterinarian check it as part of your contract.
- 4.Ask what happens if your puppy gets sick. Any health warranty?
- 5.Vaccinate your puppy. It is the most vulnerable time of its life.
- 6.Start him on heartworm prevention before he is 6 months old.



- 7.Spay or neuter your puppy between 4 and 6 months old.
- 8.Watch your puppy grow; differences between puppies start at birth.
- 9.most puppies double their birth weight within 7 to 10 days.
10. Puppies' eyes and ear canals open at about 2 weeks old.
- 11.puppies start walking around 3 weeks old.
- 12.Among mammals, dogs are the most diverse species.
13. Let sleeping puppies lie.
- 14.Baby teeth emerge around 4 weeks old.
- 15.puppies can start on solid food between 3 and 4 weeks old.
- 16.Feed your puppy a growth formula food three times per day.
- 17.Help him develop positive chewing habits early with special toys.
- 18.Brush your puppy's teeth at least every other day with a fingerbrush.
- 19.Puppyproof your home.
- 20.Learn pet first-aid. See newsletter Sept.-Oct. 2007 on our web site.

- 21.Keep the numbers for a poison control center and an emergency pet clinic handy.
- 22.Puppies should never have free run of the house unsupervised; use baby gates to restrict them to puppyproofed areas.
- 23.Provide a collar and ID tag as well as a microchip or tattoo in case he slips out the door.
- 24.Introduce your puppy to different people and experiences.
- 25.Play with your puppy every day. Puppies learn and bond by playing.
- 26.Train your puppy to accept handling.Regularly touch his feet,ears, and mouth, and hold and cuddle him every day.
- 27.Keep early experiences fun. Fear periods can occur between 2 and 4 months old.
28. Teach your puppies the house rules. Is he allowed on the furniture? Can he sleep on your bed?
- 29.Start basic training around 8 weeks old.
- 30.Praise your puppy for doing the right thing.
- 31.Start crate training. His crate will become his safe spot. Never use it as punishment.
- 32.Train your puppy to relieve himself in designated areas.



33. Train your puppy to relieve himself on command. Very practical late at night or when you are in a hurry.
- 34.Get your puppy accustomed to being alone. Get some special toys that you can fill with treats or food.
- 35.Keep on training. Go to grad. School!

From Dog Fancy