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IT'S THE PESKY PET PEST TIME OF YEAR!

Get your Free Frontline
& Heartgard today!!!



Buy 6 doses of Frontline and
receive 1 dose for FREE!

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and receive 1 dose
FREE AND \$5 REBATE

Stop by Bobtown Pet Clinic today to take
advantage of this great offer!

WE LOVE REFERRALS!

Your referral of a friend or neighbor to our
office is one of the finest complements you
can give us.

We welcome your family, friends and
neighbors to become a part of our family.

The first new client exam is complementary
(limit one)

Clients making a referral will also receive
a complementary consultation after the
new client has visited the practice. (no limit
on numbers) So make sure your referral
knows your name!

SPRING PESTS

Once again, the warmer, yet unpredictable days of spring are upon us. Along with the crocuses, greening grasses and trees come ticks, fleas and mosquitoes. These pests are less of a problem in the winter, but we should never forget about them.

All of these parasites are capable of carrying and spreading diseases and other parasites. We all know that the deer tick, Ixodes scapularis, is the major vector for the bacteria that cause Lyme disease and that mosquitoes transmit heartworms between hosts. But, did you know that fleas can transmit tapeworms and some microscopic blood parasites to new hosts?

Keeping these disgusting and annoying parasites off your pet and protecting it from the diseases they can transmit will improve your pet's quality of life, not to mention your own. As often as I see fleas and ticks on dogs and cats, my skin still crawls when I find them.

Spring is the most common time to do the annual testing of dogs for heartworm disease and to get them started for the year on preventative. This is because it takes about 6 months after exposure for the heartworms to develop into the adult stage that we can detect. Spring heartworm testing evaluates for the major exposure months during the previous year. To protect your dog from heartworms this year, you will want to get it started on the preventative by June 1.

Those hearty deer ticks became active about the first week of April. The wood ticks and fleas typically become active 3 to 4 weeks later. Starting Frontline® now will help protect your pet from ticks when applied monthly.



For dogs with the outdoor, adventuresome lifestyle of hunting, going to the cabin, living in the country or similar, Lyme vaccine is recommended. Lyme disease is very common around Wisconsin and Minnesota. The best time to vaccinate is in the spring. As with the majority of bacterial type vaccines, the best protection is likely in the first 6 to 9 months. Vaccinating in the spring keeps the level of protection highest during the months of greatest risk.

We hope you have a healthy and parasite free year.

CHANGING FACES

Bobtown Pet Clinic has lost an employee this spring with the departure of Heidi. She has been a tremendous help getting the clinic functioning, up and running, and getting us organized for our AAHA Accreditation evaluation. I could not have done it without her help. I hope that she will not be too much of a stranger.

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