

Hello! It is me again!

Let's talk about vet care and how to obtain it. It has been a little while since we talked about this, so I thought this would be helpful.

Ear infections. Most of our dogs are labradors or Golden Retrievers. These dogs are prone to ear infections. Please keep track of moisture that might accumulate in the ear... baths, swimming, lawn watering, etc. there are tons of over the counter ear washes that you can use plus we have some here. Plus we have prescription stuff that we can use. The poodles have different ear care please ask Lois or Maureen for advice. Wipe out the ears with cotton rounds. Some ear infections need vet intervention, some do not. Also some ear infections along with other symptoms indicate a plant or food allergy. 🤔

Hot spots - please stay on top of hot spots especially around the dog's collar. If you give a bath or swim, please make sure the collar and the area under it is dry. Leave the collar off at night. You can shave (not with a straight razor, but with a pair of scissors or dog hair trimmers). Several of us have doggie hair trimmers. Please trim the hair all around the hot spot. It will be a larger wound than you think. After shaving the area down to the skin, spray some vettricin on it. Questions? Please ask.

UTIs these are most prevalent in girls. Is the dog peeing in multiple spots? Does your female have a Vulva that is smooshed in? These need extra care. The vulva should be wiped off with unscented baby wipes once a day. If you want a demo, please ask. We have anti biotics for UTIs. Obtain a pee sample and hold it up to the light. Is it clear, dark yellow? Bloody? Please give me a call and we might be able to sort it out for you. 🤔. Many times we can have you drop off a pee sample at the vet and avoid the cost of an in person vet visit.

Nails- if you need help trimming nails, we can teach you or do them when you bring your dog to class. If you want to go to the vet to have them trimmed, you will have to pay for that yourself.

Anal glands- doing Anal glands is easy to do. (But icky) Sometimes it is caused by soft stools over time. If you do not know how to do them, ask the vet to show you how and then you can do them yourself.

Did your dog get a bug or bee bite? Maybe ran into poison Ivy? Give one Benedryl. If it is a tiny puppy, please give me a call first to verify dosage. Did the dog walk into a nest of hornets? Benedryl and a. Immediate trip to the emergency vet. Call me on the way/

Always call Sue, Kris, David T or myself before going to the vet. My phone is on all of the time, but try not to call after 6:00 pm and before 7:00. You can text anytime. But in an emergency call rather than text me. We have a standard supply of medications that we can use on many minor issues. And we are a treasure trove of information.

If you want us to have an educational zoom or in person call with a vet, we can arrange it.

Please give me a call if you have any concerns. Thanks

I hope these notes and thoughts help you. The goal is to provide great care to our dogs, but don't make unnecessary trips to the vet for somethings that we can do ourselves.

Questions? Please ask!!