

# PAWSITIVELY SPEAKING

News and Information from  Central Texas Animal Hospital

## Cats Need Vets....

*However, most cats would rather not come in for veterinary care.*

Central Texas Animal Hospital loves our feline patients and has taken extra measures to make visits less stressful for kitties, and their owners. Separate entrance, waiting area, and exam rooms help keep things quieter for our feline patients. We also use synthetic pheromones (see insert - Feliway) throughout the hospital to help put cats at ease. Our veterinarians and staff study and employ special techniques to gently handle cats.

### What You Can Do....

There are things that pet owners can do to help their cats to be a little more relaxed when they come to see us. The American Academy of Feline Practitioners offers new guidelines. Here are the main points:

- Get your cat used to being handled. Be patient and build up your cat's tolerance



for handling. Make sessions short and reward your cat with treats or the kind of petting she enjoys, such as under the chin.

- Choose a cat-friendly carrier. Find a carrier that opens from the FRONT AND TOP or that opens from the front and unclips easily to allow the entire top to come off so the cat can remain on her bedding in the bottom part.

- Make your cat's carrier part of the furniture. If the only time your cat sees a carrier is when he's headed to the vet, he can't relax inside. Leave the carrier out and place soft bedding inside. If your cat likes treats, give them to him inside the carrier. Use FELIWAY spray or wipes in the carrier.
- If your cat has become very upset at previous visits to CTAH, ask us about anti-anxiety medication that you can give prior to your cat's next visit.
- Make sure the carrier is belted safely into your car to minimize movement, and put a towel over the carrier to block the view.
- Try to remain calm and positive. Your anxiety will make your cat's anxiety worse.
- One the day of his appointment, pick up your cat's food so he's a little bit hungry when he comes to see us. That way, we can use treats for positive reinforcement during his visit.

## Feliway products help reduce anxiety in cats



FELIWAY is a product that releases a copy of the *feline appeasing pheromone* that mother cats produce during lactation, helping to reduce your cat's anxiety and increase feelings of calm and well-being. We use Feliway products throughout the hospital:

- We spray it on towels that are placed in patients' and boarders' cages.
- We have diffusers in the feline exam rooms, the cat boarding area, and in the feline treatment room.
- We recommend that cat owners use Feliway wipes in their cats' carriers before visiting us.

FELIWAY MULTICAT is proven to reduce tension and conflict between household cats. Both products have been shown to reduce marking and unwanted scratching.

**Feliway and Feliway Multicat are available in several forms at CTAH and on our online pharmacy.**

# Xylitol poses serious risks to your pets

You've probably heard by now that Xylitol is toxic to pets. Pets who ingest the sugar substitute may suffer from hypoglycemia (vomiting, weakness and seizures.) Xylitol can also lead to liver failure.

What many people don't realize is that Xylitol can be found in so many products:

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- OTC liquid medications
- Chewable vitamins and supplements
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- Jello
- Baked goods
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- Energy drinks
- Peanut butter and other nut butters



**If you suspect that your pet has ingested xylitol, call us or the Pet Poison Helpline immediately**



## Clara graduates, now an "Official Therapy Pet Pal"



Congrats to Clara (Mary's baby) who is now an official Therapy Pet Pal! Members of the program are screened and must pass training and tests before they can become certified. Clara loves to brighten up people's lives when she visits hospitals and nursing homes! To join or support, contact:

**Therapy Pet Pals of Texas, Inc.**  
 3930 Bee Cave Road, Suite C  
 Austin, TX 78746  
 (512) 347-1984  
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Clara



# Check out our Online Pharmacy

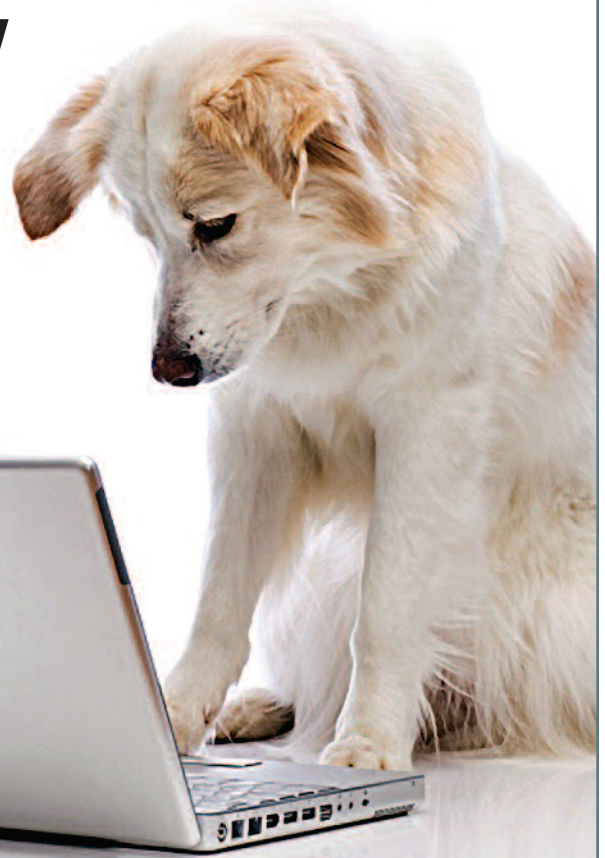
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## To access our Online Pharmacy

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**www.ctah.biz**

and click on the

**"I Want the Pet Pharmacy" tab** on the home page.

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## Dasuquin joint health supplements

We are proud to carry and recommend Dasuquin joint health supplements for dogs and cats.

Here are a few of the effective ingredients:

- Avocado/Soybean Unsaponifiables (ASU)
- Glucosamine Hydrochloride
- Chondroitin Sulfate
- Methylsulfonylmethane (MSM)

Dasuquin Advanced also contains manganese ascorbate and a proprietary mix containing:

- Boswellia serrata extract
- Curcuma longa extract
- Green tea complex
- Alpha-lipoic acid

Some of our staff members' pets have been taking Dasuquin Advanced and have benefited from a reduction in arthritis symptoms.

Dasuquin is also recommended to support bladder health in cats.



**Happy Workiversary Dr. Ussery – 2 years!**



**Happy 1st Workiversary Dr. Hill!**

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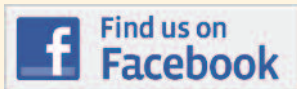
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(In dog years)*

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**Hours:**

Monday – Friday: 7–6  
Saturday: 8 – Noon

**For after-hours emergencies contact:  
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512-331-6121  
or  
Emergency Pet Care of Round Rock  
512-961-5200**

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