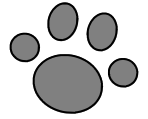


LIBERTY VETERINARY HOSPITAL Paw Prints Monthly



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OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

Liberty Veterinary Hospital strives to create a state-of-the-art pet care facility that meets all of our clients' & pets' needs from nutritional supplies, boarding and grooming to the highest level of medical and surgical care. Because our team can only be as good as the sum of its parts, we nurture and educate our staff so that we may all provide uncompromising service, compassion, kindness and caring for each patient as a member of our own family.

JANUARY IS OBESITY AWARENESS MONTH

Dear Friends,

An estimated 48% of all pets in the United States are overweight or obese.* Obesity in our pets is a serious problem that has been linked to poor diet, anxiety based overeating and lack of exercise. Being overweight can reduce a pet's quality of life because pets can be less likely to want to play and exercise. Some common health problems in overweight animals may include: arthritis, heart disease, diabetes, back and knee problems, skin conditions, and various types of cancer, as well as a shorter life expectancy.

Signs of an overweight pet:

- An inability to feel pet's ribs
- An inability to see pet's waist
- Tiredness, lethargy or shortness of breath



How do pets get overweight?

- 1. The type of food pets get fed are often not of proper quality and nutrition. We offer several veterinary diets to help your pet lose and maintain a good weight and can offer suggestions for appropriate maintenance diets.
- 2. How much food a pet is fed. Talk with us about a scheduled feeding plan specific to your pet's needs.
- 3. Treats. Pets, like people, should have treats in moderation.
- 4. Lack of proper exercise. Walking can be just as beneficial for our pets as it can be for us. Be sure to check out our line of Premium Tuff Lock leashes and collars by Reflex, offering lots of fun patterns and colors.

If you think your pet has become a little too huggable, we will be happy to advise you on the ideal weight, and setup a no charge weight check-in schedule. We will also carry out a thorough physical exam to check for any medical condition that could be contributing to the weight gain, and discuss a diet and exercise program that best suits your pet. We welcome you to stop by and weigh your pet today!

Amy Johnstone, DVM

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*petobesityprevention.com

**See back page for some helpful charts

Did You Know ...

- We offer dog obedience class referrals
- We offer full grooming, boarding and surgical services
- We offer massage and rehabilitation therapy
- We offer **free** educational seminars
- We really look forward to visiting with you and your pet!

OUR HOURS:

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri. 7:30am - 7pm
 Wed 7:30am - 6pm
 Sat 8:00am - 2pm
 Sun Closed

Visit Our Website

www.libvethosp.com

