



CPVH News

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Spring is almost here!

We can already smell the flowers, hear the birds chirping....and hear the dog shaking his head and chewing his feet?!? For many of you who have allergic dogs and cats, you know these sounds all too well.

Most of our allergic patients have atopy which is an environmental allergy. The usual culprits are trees, weeds, grasses, dust and storage mites, and yes, cats. Luckily, we have many ways to keep our itchy friends comfortable and prevent flare-ups before they occur. It is important to keep our pets on proper flea control (such as Bravecto, which lasts for 3 months) all year as flea bites can act as “flare factors” for atopy and food-allergic pets.

We also have medications, Apoquel and Cytopoint, that can be given as soon as we recognize that your pet is itchy.



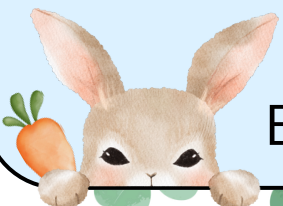
If we stop the itch early, we can stop the development of secondary skin infections and rashes that cause itch, too! We may also utilize skin calming shampoos and sprays, but every pet and family has different needs, so please bring your pet in to see us at the first sign of an allergic ear or skin flare-up so we can help them enjoy the spring with you!

Your input is needed! Our veterinarians are working on some topics for educational sessions that will be free to clients and the public and hosted on a Saturday. We are considering First Aid, ear care, dental care, and mental health for your pets. Please pop over to our Facebook or Instagram pages to join the poll on which ones we should prioritize!



Helping our community: The team at Central Providence Veterinary Hospital loves helping and educating our community. We recently donated some older lab equipment to Carolina Waterfowl Rescue. CWR helps thousands of underserved animals each year. With the donation of this equipment, they will be better able to diagnose and treat the animals in their care. Learn more about their impact on our community on their website and see how you might be able to help.

We look forward to joining residents of the Providence Plantation neighborhood on March 27th for Easter photos with their pets!



Is your business or community planning an event that we could join?

Reach out to us and let us know what you have coming up!



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Anesthesia update! Our brachycephalic friends (Bulldogs, Frenchies, Boston Terriers, Pugs, and Persian cats, to name a few) are quite adorable but often present us with specific challenges. One aspect of care in which they need special attention is anesthesia and sedation. Their unique airways can predispose them to breathing concerns pre- and post-operatively and to aspiration pneumonia secondary to regurgitation. This tendency has led to the updated medical recommendation that all brachycephalic breeds receive anti-nausea medication before their procedure and a pro-kinetic agent called metoclopramide to keep the fluids moving down the tract rather than back up!

In most cases, the anesthesia of brachycephalic dogs and cats goes as smoothly as for any other patient, as long as we prepare for and adjust to their needs. Our veterinarians are happy to answer your questions before your brachycephalic breed has their next procedure, but rest assured that we are keeping updated on current medical recommendations for this special patient population.

