



Country Doctor

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Quarterly Newsletter

Ticks & Lyme Disease

Right now, right here in Ashtabula and Lake Counties we are watching an "old" disease emerge with an explosive and terrifying vengeance. Lyme disease is here big time and here to stay. Just in the 5 days we have seen Trixie, Zoe, Grady and Jazzie presented to our clinics with swollen painful joints, lameness, depression, poor appetite and fever! These 4 dogs are just the most recent added to a list of others. These are all house dogs that just go out in the yard to use the bath room and for a little exercise. I share this with you to make the point that all dogs are at risk.

Our vast veterinary experience has led us to the decision to vaccinate ALL of our canine patients for Lyme disease. Great vaccine is available, the disease is rapidly emerging, and the tick population is exploding so we are not waiting. Now is the time.

All of our K9 vaccine packages and protocols at the Country Doctor and Geneva Veterinary Clinics now include Lyme. To the best of my knowledge we are the only clinics who have made this part of the routine core vaccinations. We will also talk to you about effective tick control at the time of your next visit. Please call either of the clinics if your pet is exhibiting any of the above symptoms or if you have any questions. Dr. Curie

Things you must know about bathing your pets!

We sometimes hear clients complain that the flea product they are using is not working. I would like to address the more common reasons we see for failure. First and foremost let's just clear the air about over the counter (OTC) products. They don't work. Now you might say this is just a sales pitch by a veterinarian for veterinary products. The simple truth is that for the last 36 years I have stood in the exam rooms and listened to clients tell me that they have been using these OTC products faithfully and their pets are covered with fleas. For those who say they are working it is usually only a matter of time until they are back in with a flea problem. Interpret this however you like. I interpret it as they don't work.

Ok - so we have quit carrying Fipronil products (Frontline) because too many clients have reported it is not working anymore. All the other Veterinary flea products are working very well. They all deposit in the oils of the skin.

Bathing: If you bathe your pet in a detergent or soap based shampoo the oils are removed and subsequently the flea product. All human shampoo, Dawn detergent and most general pet shampoos have a soap base.

Lesson: Animal skin and human skin are not created equal. Only use soap less pet shampoo to avoid removing the flea product and to avoid drying the skin out.

Happy Bathing,

Dr. Curie

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Women Who Wine

Join us at Spring Hill Winery on
Wednesday, April 10th from 6-9.

We will have a table for both the Country Doctor and Geneva Vet Clinics so stop by and enjoy an evening of fun, information, giveaways and wine!

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

The New Apostolic Church in Kingsville is hosting a Spaghetti Dinner to raise funds for the Ashtabula APL as well as our Angel Fund on Saturday, April 13th from 4-7 pm. Tickets are on sale now at the clinic, adults are \$7 each and children 6 and under are \$4 each. Can't stay, you can get "to go" dinners for \$8 each. Dinner includes: spaghetti & meatballs, salad, bread & butter, coffee or pop and dessert.

