

PAWSITIVELY SPEAKING

News and Information from  Central Texas Animal Hospital

Happy 40th Anniversary to the Texas Veterinary Medical Foundation

We are proud to be associated with the TVMF, the philanthropic partner of the Texas Veterinary Medical Association. The Texas Veterinary Medical Foundation accomplishes its mission in 3 ways:

medical talent into the profession by providing support to veterinary students through awards and grants.

- Supporting select programs/projects that advance the art and science of veterinary medicine.



CARING FOR ANIMALS

- Providing education programs advocating responsible pet ownership and the importance of veterinary care and providing the public with knowledge and information on caring for and protecting their pets, livestock and wildlife.
- Providing financial assistance grants for families in need of life-saving or life-changing veterinary care that will save their pet from euthanasia or prolonged suffering.

ADVANCING THE PROFESSION

- Ensuring the infusion of bright new

SERVING PEOPLE

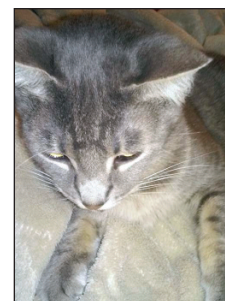
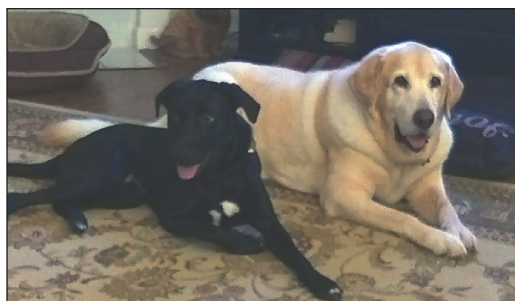
- Ensuring the health and welfare of animals belonging to Meals on Wheels clients who are homebound, elderly, or disabled, thereby preserving the human-animal bond and improving quality of life for both humans and companion animals.
- Supporting the veterinary community by being the public relations and philanthropic arm of the veterinary profession.
- Supporting the veterinary community by providing a contingency fund for disaster and emergency relief.

Volunteer with the TVMF PALS Program

Our Meals on Wheels partners are frequently looking for volunteers to deliver pet food to clients, or to transport pets to and from their veterinary appointments. Email Leah Ann Tibbitts at ltibbitts@tvma.org to be connected to volunteer opportunities in your area.



Happy Tails – Hurricane Harvey rescues



MOOCH (left, Catahoula mix) with her sister Winnie, was adopted by her foster family. This lucky girl has got it made – a wonderful, active family, a big backyard, and a big cushy bed! **GRACIE** (center, black Lab mix) has a new brother – Jack! 2 dogs never had it so good! After being fostered by our veterinary technician Courtenay, she was adopted by a long-time CTAH client. **SILVER SURFER** (right) was reunited with his family in the Beaumont area.

A HUGE "Thank you" to our clients and professional partners for your generous outpouring of donations following the hurricanes. We were able to deliver supplies to several communities in need.

Every Dog Needs Heartworm Prevention Year-Round!

Hearthworm disease is a serious and potentially fatal disease in pets in the United States and many other parts of the world. It is caused by foot-long worms (heartworms) that live in the heart, lungs and associated blood vessels of affected pets, causing severe lung disease, heart failure and damage to other organs in the body. Heartworm disease affects dogs, cats and ferrets, but heartworms also live in other mammal species, including wolves, coyotes, foxes, sea lions and—in rare instances—humans. Because wild species such as foxes and coyotes live in proximity to many urban areas, they are considered important carriers of the disease.

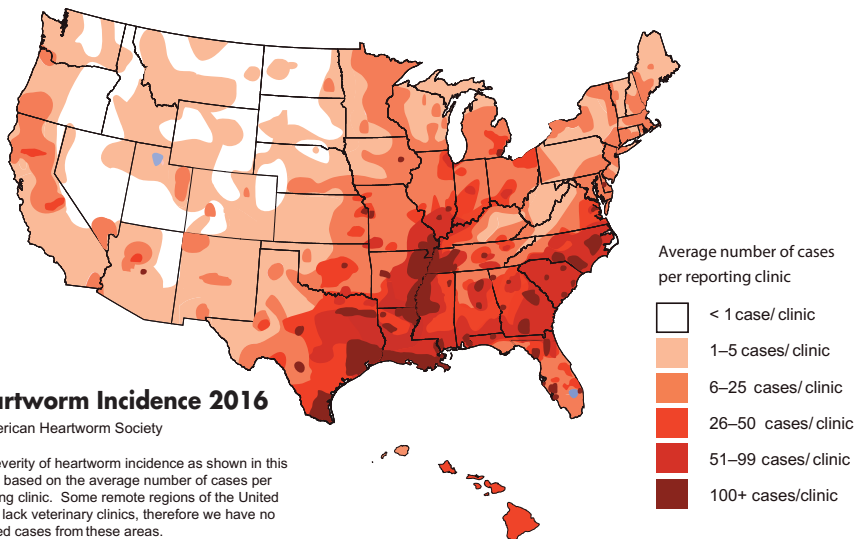
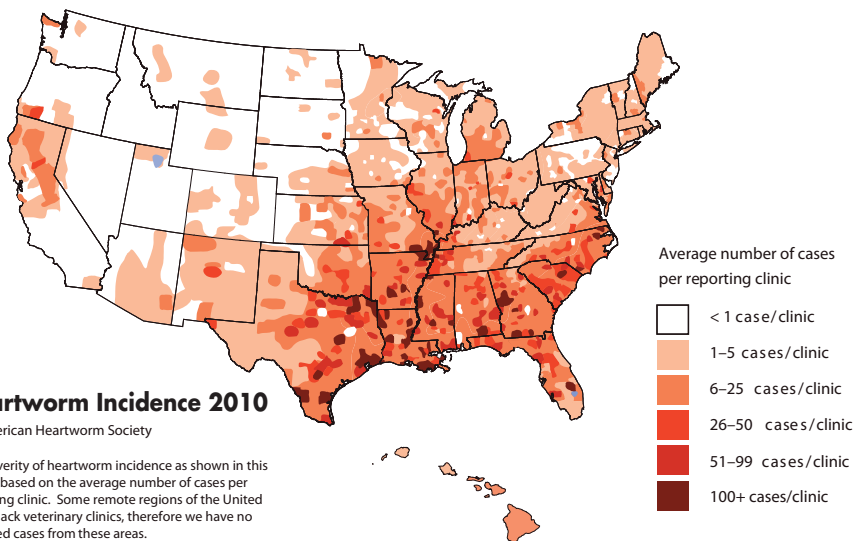
Dogs. The dog is a natural host for heartworms, which means that heartworms that live inside the dog mature into adults, mate and produce offspring. If untreated, their numbers can increase, and dogs have been known to harbor several hundred worms in their bodies. Heartworm disease causes lasting damage to the heart, lungs and arteries, and can affect the dog's health and quality of life long after the parasites are gone. For this reason, prevention is by far the best option, and treatment—when needed—should be administered as early in the course of the disease as possible.

The threat to your dog is very real. However, we offer several easy options for heartworm prevention:

Triheart – Chewable tablet to be given EVERY MONTH. Cost \$5.19-8.85/month

Trifexis - Chewable tablet to be given

Heartworm Incidence Increasing in US



EVERY MONTH. Cost \$19.36-20.46/month
(Includes flea control)

ProHeart6 – Injectable heartworm prevention. Lasts for 6 months. Cost \$6.50-9.25/month

In addition, there are other products available through VetSource, our online partner-pharmacy.

Every dog must be on heartworm prevention year-round. Mosquitoes sometimes come indoors, so whether your dog is a nature-lover, or a couch potato, make sure that he is protected!

Talk to one of our veterinarian professionals at Central Texas Animal Hospital for the best plan for your dog.

The Mighty Mosquito



She's TOUGH

Survives and thrives in a variety of climates and environments.



She's MOBILE

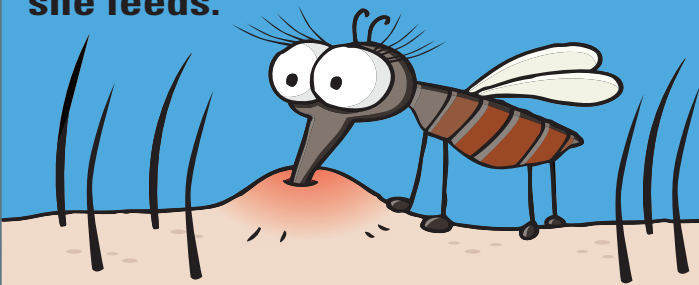
Lives indoors and outdoors. Willing to relocate.



Heartworms spread when a mosquito carrying larvae bites your unprotected pet.

She's HUNGRY

Drinks 3x her weight in blood, spreading heartworm larvae as she feeds.



She's SNEAKY

Mosquito "season" is impossible to predict. Protect your pets from heartworms year-round.



When Your Pet Needs Prescription Food...

There are numerous situations that call for a prescription canine or feline diet: diabetes, renal (kidney) insufficiencies, weight management, chronic urinary issues, food allergies, just to name a few.

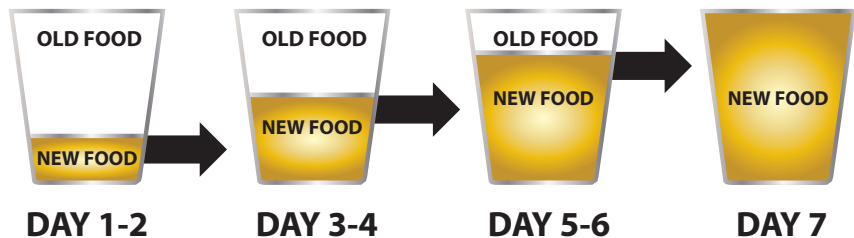
We know that it can be difficult for you and your pet to switch to a prescription diet. We want to support pet owners through this transition. We carry a wide variety of Hill's Science Diet Prescription foods.

There are times when a patient needs something that we don't carry. In those cases, we recommend that the pet owner visits our online partner-pharmacy, VetSource. You can get there through our website, www.ctah.biz or

www.centraltexasanimnalhospital.com

Food purchased via VetSource ships for FREE. Concerned about whether Fido or

Fluffy will eat the new food? Prescription food purchased from us or from VetSource has a 100% palatability guarantee.



Unless your veterinarian directs you differently, transition your pet to the new food slowly.

Does your pet have a few pounds to lose?

Let us help get him started on the right foot in 2018!

When you buy a bag or case of Canine or Feline Metabolic Weight Management food, get a FREE bag of Metabolic treats! (offer good through February 28, 2018)



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Saturday: 8-Noon



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- Access Vaccine Records
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- Access our Online Pharmacy

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Professional Cat and Dog Grooming by Janice Tuesday – Thursday by appointment				
Saturday	Open every Saturday 8-noon			

Offer expires 02/28/18. Does not apply to other tests/treatments/products.



Resolve to help your pet get to a healthy weight in 2018!

Hill's nutritionists & veterinarians developed Prescription Diet® Metabolic clinical nutrition specially formulated to support your dog's or cat's weight management. In fact, 88% of pets lost weight at home in 2 months with the nutrition of Metabolic.

How It Helps:

- Naturally works with your pet's unique metabolism
- Helps avoid weight regain after weight loss
- Helps your pet feel full & satisfied between meals

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