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# Riverview Animal Hospital

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We would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year! Thank you for your continued support, we appreciate your business. In 2015, together we will continue to strive to keep your pets healthy and happy! Don't forget you can call, email or use our website to schedule an appointment.

-Happy New Year from the team at Riverview Animal Hospital

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## Upcoming Events

### **February is National Pet Dental Month**

Give us a call anytime during the month of February and schedule a dental anytime during the year and receive 15% off!

## **Why do we ask for you to bring a fecal sample?**

Also known as a stool sample, intestinal parasite screen or just plain old poop. Even though you may not be able to see any worms in the fecal sample, neither can we! That's why we spin it down in a centrifuge, use a special solution and look under a microscope for the eggs from the worms. We don't want to wait until your pet is losing weight, not eating or having diarrhea before checking the fecal sample for worms. That's why we recommend you bring in a fresh sample for us to check.

The companion animal parasite council recommends checking the stool sample at least once a year if not twice a year. Roundworms and hookworms are zoonotic meaning people can get them, causing skin lesions or even blindness! If your pet has been around other pets where they can eat their feces, licking/grooming themselves or other animals, or even the dog park we encourage you to bring a fecal sample with you at their annual visit!

## Meet Matthew!

Matthew has worked at RAH since we opened in July 2013. He is from Jeffersonville, Ohio and has a Bachelors in Fine Arts from Ohio Northern University with a degree in graphic design. Matthew has been behind designing our logo, brochure and other print material. Not only is he talented in graphic design, but he is also very skilled in handling pets and creating a stress free environment for all species! He has four pets of his own; Sage (3 year old rescue dog), Acacia and Ishmael (friendly felines), and Arthur (rabbit). His favorite part about working at RAH is that he gets to learn something new every day. In his spare time he likes to play guitar, go hiking, gardening and do relief printmaking.



## Five Toxins You May Not Know About

March is pet poison prevention awareness month and we thought we should share some lesser known toxins.

1. Coins- Eating money may end up costing you a lot of money! Pennies can cause zinc toxicity, which can be fatal if not treated. Luckily these can be easily spotted on a radiograph (X-ray). (Many diaper rash creams contain Zinc too, so ask your vet before using medications!)
2. Acetaminophen- Commonly found in Tylenol. While safe in humans, it can be extremely toxic to cats. They cannot metabolize the drug and may end up with liver failure!
3. Decongestants- These can be found in cold medicine and even anti-histamines! They can cause heart problems in pets. It is very important to ask your vet before giving your pets medications, as our pets are not like small children!
4. Xylitol- An artificial sweetener found in many candies and gums. This toxin can cause liver disease, low blood sugar and sometimes even seizures.
5. Gorilla Glue- This and other wood glues will become a firm, enlarged foreign body when mixed with stomach acid. The only way to treat this is to surgically remove it as it becomes so expanded in the stomach.

## Riverview ANIMAL HOSPITAL



### Share the Care!

If you enjoyed your experience at Riverview Animal Hospital, we want you to let others know about us by "sharing the care." For every person that you refer to us, both you and the new client will receive a \$10.00 credit to your respective accounts for any future services. We understand that referring your friends and family is the best compliment and we appreciate your support!

You must refer a NEW client; they cannot be an existing client of Riverview Animal Hospital. There is no expiration and no limit to the number of qualified referrals, therefore you can keep earning rewards! The new client must provide the referring client's name in order for the referring client to get credit. The referring client can write their name on the "Share the Care" cards that they pass out so that the Riverview Animal Hospital staff can credit your account.