

# RIVERVIEW ANIMAL HOSPITAL

## JULY 2014

### RIVERVIEW RENDEZVOUS

Save the date for our open house on Saturday September 6<sup>th</sup> from 1:30-4:00.

We'll be having goodie bags along with raffles for you and your pets. Come out and check out what goes on behind the scenes while taking home some free fun prizes! Check our website ([www.RiverviewPets.com](http://www.RiverviewPets.com)) and facebook page for more details.

### WOULD YOU LIKE TO WIN AN IPAD MINI?

If you have purchased Nexgard, Heartgard Plus or Frontline Plus in the past 3 months, you have been entered into the raffle! If you purchase 6 months of any of the above mentioned items you get one ticket, if you purchase 12 months you get two tickets! The drawing will be held at the end of July 31, 2014 so make sure to stock up now!

### SO WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL WITH *LEPTOSPIROSIS* ANYWAYS?

#### **Q: What is leptospirosis?**

A: Leptospirosis, AKA "Lepto", is a bacteria that is passed through animal urine. It is shed into the environment where it can live for weeks to months. Commonly deer, squirrel, opossums and other wild animals transmit this bacteria.

#### **Q: Why should my pet get vaccinated for it?**

A: Your pet can be infected with the bacteria and not show obvious signs, but when they do show clinical signs it is often hard to diagnose that leptospirosis caused the signs and treatment can be challenging as well. It can lead to kidney and liver disease. More importantly, you can catch it. Leptospirosis is zoonotic, meaning it can be transmitted to you if you come in contact with it by drinking contaminated water or even through a scratch on your skin.

#### **Q: What about all of the stories I hear saying my pet shouldn't get vaccinated for it due to vaccine reactions?**

A: Any pet can have a reaction to a vaccine, just like any vaccine can cause a reaction. If your pet is sensitive to vaccinations we can discuss ways to decrease reactions, while keeping your pet protected. The leptospirosis vaccine is administered on a yearly basis.

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## ALTERNATIVE TO TOPICAL FLEA AND TICK TREATMENT

Do you hate that greasy look your dog gets after applying their monthly flea and tick prevention on their back? Do you worry about letting your cats or children around the dog while waiting for it to dry?

We have the perfect solution. It's called Nexgard. It's a once a month chewable treat to prevent fleas and ticks. It is very palatable and easy to give!

## THANK YOU!!

July 1, 2014 marks Riverview Animal Hospital's one year anniversary. Thank you for your support and allowing us to meet you and your pets. We definitely understand how pets can be a part of the family and want to help enrich that bond by keeping your pets well. We are excited to continue to provide affordable, quality care medicine to your pets.

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