

The Pampered Pet

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HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST



Featured Pampered Pets!



Peanut



Scully



Rocky & Gigli



Katie & Gracie

Pampered Pets Inn will be hosting a pet costume contest on Saturday, October, 31st. We will be giving out 1 free night of boarding for the scariest, most original, and cutest costume. Come and bring along your furry friend. People and puppy goodies will be provided. Tell a friend!!

Here are last year's winners:



Scariest Costume
Taffy as "Jaws"



Cutest Costume
Scully as "Pirate"



Most Original
Emmy as "Football Player"

Just a Reminder

With Labor Day fast approaching, we wanted to remind everyone that suites are filling up quickly. For the busy holiday season, we want to accommodate as many guests as possible. Booking early is important, but we do realize that plans can change.

For the holidays, we will require a deposit of \$50.00 to reserve your pet's suite. This will be applied toward your balance at the time of checkout.

If you cancel your reservation by the date listed on your deposit form, your full deposit will be refunded. In the event you need to cancel your reservation after that date, the deposit will be non-refundable (unless we can fill the suite with another guest on our waiting list).

OTHER HOLIDAY DATES & HOURS TO REMEMBER:

Labor Day: September 7th 9 am- 5pm
Thanksgiving Day: November 26th CLOSED
Day after Thanksgiving: November 27th 9 m - 5pm
Christmas Eve: December 24th 7 am – Noon
Christmas: December 25th CLOSED
New Years Eve: December 31st 7am - Noon

Education Segment...

Canine & Feline Obesity



Toby



Cali Girl



Kaser Kitties



Ripley

In today's society being overweight is an issue that affects any of us- including our beloved pets. Being overweight (and sometimes obese) is the number one nutritional disorder that veterinarians treat in dogs and cats. In addition to our furry friends looking "chubby", being overweight can have some serious side effects that can shorten their overall life span. A few examples are cardiac and respiratory issues, arthritis, diabetes and even injuries such as ruptured anterior cruciate ligaments in the knees (think football players...). Decreased flexibility and loss of athletic ability are a few more to add to the list. Being overweight also makes our pets poor candidates for anesthesia, which is usually necessary even for the simplest procedures, like dental cleaning! So how do we keep our babies in tip top shape? Here are a few ways to prevent obesity:

- Avoid feeding table scraps
- Do not give an excessive number of treats on a daily basis (these have lots of calories!)
- Measure the amount of food you feed daily in an actual measuring cup (you can get a recommendation on how much to feed from your vet or on the back of the bag of food)
- If your pet is not very active feed a low calorie diet
- Schedule time for daily exercise and play time

Our canine companions are much easier to keep active than our feline friends. Playing fetch, walking or running, swimming, and agility classes are just a few ways to keep them in shape. Doggie daycare of course is always a great choice too! Making a cat active can be a little tricky! Try introducing a cat tree for them to climb, having a mouse for them to bat around, walking them on a leash (some cats love this!), are a few good ways to keep your kitty in tip top shape.

How do you tell if your loved one is overweight? There are three main items you are looking for:

- You should be able to easily feel the bony part of the rib when you run your hands along your pet's sides but the ribs should have a thin covering and not be extremely visible.
- When standing over your pet and looking down at them you should see a defined waist (think hourglass shaped).
- Your pet should also have a defined abdominal tuck behind the rib cage.

As always, if you have any questions regarding your pet's health you should contact your family veterinarian. Lets do our best to keep our furry friends in great shape so they can continue to bring us years of love and joy!