

Animal Medical Center of Corona



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Note from the Editor

Hi everyone!
Can you believe that we're already in November??? Time sure does fly. This month we really wanted to show all of you the fun we had on Halloween so there are going to be lots of pictures of our costumes and pumpkin carving contest. There are also a few ideas as to how to show your pet how thankful you are for them this thanksgiving, without giving them table scraps. We would also like to take a moment to express to you how thankful we are this year for all of the patients and their families that we have had the privilege of treating and getting to know. You have all helped to enrich our lives and reinforce our reasons for being in the professions we are in. We would like to apologize for our non-updated website. We have been working for the past 2 months to get it up and running, and we hope that very soon we will be able to have a website that we can be proud of and that will provide you all with the great service you have come to expect from us. However, until then we would like to encourage you to call us or email us for information. As always, happy reading!

Tips for the Savvy Client

Does your pet need another refill of that medication they get every day? Easy right, just call it in ahead of time and pick it up the next day. Wrong. According to the state of California your pet must receive an examination yearly in order to renew a prescription. So if it has been over a year since your pets last visit to see Dr. Bart, then they won't be able to get more of their much needed medication until they can get in to see him. Plus, it is generally a good idea to get a yearly exam just to make sure that everything is still working the way it should be. A lot can happen in a year after all.

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Hours of operation:
M-W&F.....9am - 5pm
*Th.....9am - 5pm
*Sat.....9am - 12pm
*only open these times every other week. See which days we are closed below.

Date's closed in November:
Sat's: 14th and 28th
Th's: 5th, 19th and 26th
Wed. the 25th and Friday the 27th
Every Sunday



Natalie, our head surgical technician, was a peacock!

An AMC Halloween!

We always love to celebrate Halloween here at AMC, but this year there seemed to be an even stronger electricity of excitement in the air. All of us went all out on our costumes, we had a pumpkin carving contest, even some of our clients joined in on the festivities! There are plenty of pictures strewn throughout the newsletter; we hope that you enjoy them.

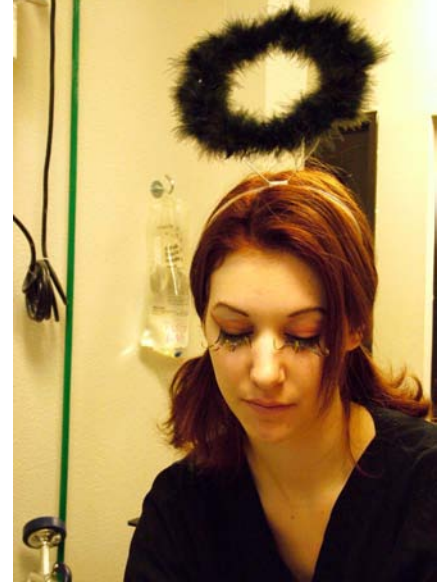
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Halloween at AMC



Miss Kitty Monica and Rockstar Erin!



Erin was a fallen angel

Dr. Bart was just released from prison.

Kristii was Abby from NCIS, and she enjoyed playing the part



Lisa looked great with pink hair... but was she Lady Gaga or our very own Natalie? hmmm...

One of our clients suprised us and our waiting room when she came in as a drunk bum!



We all had such a good time celebrating halloween at the hospital. Next year we encourage all of our patients and clietns to come in dressed up and join in on the fun! Although our patients were a little spooked by all

our crazy costumes. As if going to the hospital weren't scary enough suddenly they had large peacocks, cats, and convicts coming at them with needles and thermometers... very scary scenario indeed.



Pumpkin Carving Contest!



The first ever pumpkin carving contest between our employees took place this year. Clients had a full week to vote on their favorite pumpkin and Dr. Bart's lovely wife April counted out the ballots on Halloween night. The winner was Natalie's pumpkin that she entitled Brutus the Boxer! Everyone put in a great effort and had wonderful pumpkins, but they just could not compete with this heavy weight champion that floated like a butterfly all the way to the winners circle. Congratulations Natalie and thank you to all of you that voted in our contest. Next year we promise to bring you an even more exciting contest!

Myth busters: Exploding birds!

by: Tina

We've all heard that urban legend about the kids who go to the beach and give the seagull a bottle of Dr. Pepper and as it flies away into the sunrise KABOOM!!!! It explodes into a million, gory little pieces. This sounds like something from a movie, right up there with waking up with a horse head in your bed; but is it true? Would giving a bird a sip of some high-fructose, carbonated soda cause such a violent battle of gas build-up inside its body that it would erupt?

According to Dr. Bart this is a complete myth. Soda is not

something that is good for a bird to have; it causes them to have gastrointestinal issues. Birds are not able to release gas from their systems like we do, so drinking something that's highly carbonated and pushing gas into the body is not necessarily the best thing for them. However, Dr. Bart said he has seen people give their birds soda and has seen it make them sick, but he has yet to see a bird explode from it.

Please keep in mind that we do not suggest recreating a science experiment based on the urban legend to find out one hundred percent for sure if birds detonate like an atomic bomb from drinking soda. We hereby would like to pronounce this myth officially busted!

Thanksgiving for your Pet!

By: Tina

It's coming up, Thanksgiving; the one holiday where we remember to give thanks for all that we have and stuff ourselves on delicious food. We often feel very tempted to let our pets join in on the feasting festivities but is this really something that pets should do with us? Here at AMC we take the stance of absolutely no table scraps, period, end of discussion. We believe this is the way to best ensure that your pets are getting the proper nutrition they need to stay healthy. By not giving into temptation you are helping to keep your pets weight down. Table scraps can also lead to bad behavior like begging.

There are also major problems that can occur when feeding table scraps, such as: intestinal blockage, vomiting, and diarrhea. This is why we suggest feeding your cats and dogs something made just for them this Thanksgiving.

For dogs we suggest Merrick's Thanksgiving Day Dinner (carried at AMC) which is formulated to meet the nutrition level standards established by Association of American Feed Control Officials (AAFCO) for all life stages of a canine. It contains no artificial coloring, flavors or preservatives. Ingredients include Turkey, Sweet Potatoes, green beans and granny

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smith apples to ensure your dog is getting the same delicious meal that you will be enjoying. For cats we suggest (carried at AMC) the Science Diet Turkey canned food as a special treat. It also meets the AAFCO standards and is a perfect treat for cats.

Parrots are a different story altogether however. We do believe it is ok to feed certain, specially prepared table scraps to your parrots. They can have starches like yams (not candied) and mashed potatoes. They can also have some well cooked, unseasoned meat and sugar free pumpkin pie. Just make sure that any food given to a parrot is not first bitten off by you and then fed to them because we can pass illnesses on to our birds this way. Also keep them away from high fat, sugary and spicy foods because these are not good for them. When in doubt of what can or cannot be fed err on the side of caution and simply don't feed it to them.

We here at AMC would like to express how thankful we are to have all of you in our lives and wish you the happiest Thanksgiving.



Superstar of the Month: Monica

Monica has worked for AMC since we opened in 2005. She is a jack of all trades working as a receptionist, room nurse, surgical technician and pharmacy manager. If you haven't already had the chance to get to know her (she's a social butterfly and often gets to know many clients) then we hope that this article makes you feel better acquainted with her so that you can get to know her the next time you visit us.

Q: What made you want to work in the veterinary field?

A: I kind of fell into it, I never thought about it just kind of happened. But I have learned to love it.

Q: What is your most memorable moment here at AMC?

A: We did a Chihuahua C-section where there were two puppies born. I named one Dallas and Natalie named the other Josephine.

Q: If you could be any animal (mythical or

real) what would it be and why?

A: Sounds really generic but probably a dog because you get to eat, sleep and be loved all day.

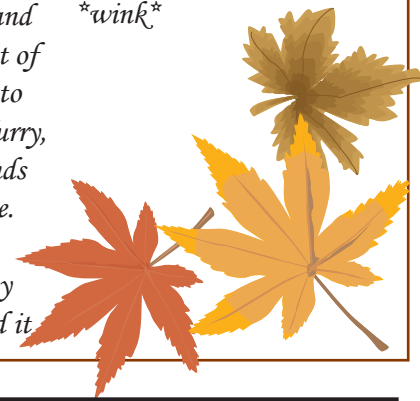
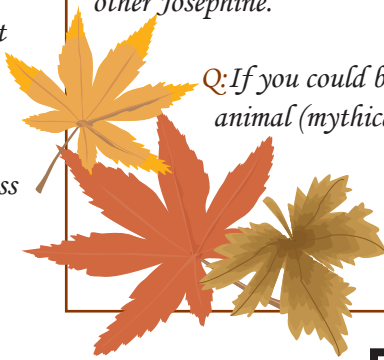
Q: Tell me something interesting about yourself.

A: I love to dance, any kind of music, when I hear it I just have to start dancing. Also I pet sit, so if you and your family are going out of town and need someone to come watch after your furry, feathered and scaly friends call AMC and ask for me.

Q: If you could have any super power what would it

be and why?

A: I would like to be Genie from I dream of Genie because then I could go wherever I want in a flash and not have to sit in traffic all day or worry about air fare. I just have to cross my arms, nod my head and squeeze my eyes shuts and I'd be in Italy. And she has a cute costume *wink*



One last pumpkin contest entry... it was made to look like Tank the Tortoise!

Happy Veteran's Day!

All of us here at AMC would like to express our deepest gratitude to all of the men and women that have served and are currently serving our country right now. You all make us very proud and we are forever thankful for the sacrifices you all have made to protect and serve our country and us.