

RIVERWOODS PET HOSPITAL NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to this edition of our newsletter. We are excited to share updates at Riverwoods Pet Hospital and important information for you and your pet.

Riverwoods Pet Hospital would like to welcome back and introduce you to Dr. Richard Thwaits!



Dr. Thwaits obtained his DVM from Colorado State University in 1981. After working in a private practice he went to the University of Georgia where he earned a Phd. After receiving his Phd he earned the rank of Full Professor at a major university. While a professor, Dr. Thwaits published 22 scientific articles in referred journals plus he co-authored one textbook and was a guest author for a chapter in 2 other texts. He has given 18 presentations at professional meetings and has also served as a grant reviewer for the USDA in Animal Health and Well-being.

Dr. Thwaits has a special interest in orthopedic surgery and his services include: internal fixation of fractures, TTA repair of torn ACL, and total joint replacement surgeries of the hip, elbow and stifle. Dr. Thwaits is currently working with Biomedtrix to develop a transcutaneous prosthetic implant for the forelimb in dogs. Dr. Thwaits will be working with us every other Friday.



Remember there are many holiday hazards for your pet at this time of year. Antifreeze is pleasant to taste, but is highly toxic. Holiday plants such as poinsettias and mistletoe in your home may be an interest for your animal, but they can cause an upset stomach. Too many sweets and fatty holiday foods can cause inflammation of the pancreas. Low freezing temperatures are harmful to your pets. Outdoor pets need appropriate and safe heating for the winter months. Remember to always be prepared for the safety of your pets during the holiday season.

February is dental month!



We recommend annual dental cleanings for your pets. During the month of February we offer 15% off dental cleanings. Our dental cleanings include general anesthesia, cleaning, and polishing. Call to schedule your pets dental today.

Visit our website at www.riverwoodspethospital.com for more information on services we provide.