



# Riverwoods Pet Hospital Newsletter



## Fall Quarter 2006

Welcome to this issue of our Newsletter! We are excited to share important information, special offers, Staff Spotlights, and Pet Stars with you!

### ♥ Staff Spotlight: Heather Riggs, LVT ♥



Heather has been with Riverwoods Pet Hospital for over 5 years. She has a bachelor's degree from BYU in Theater and also studied veterinary Technology at BYU. In addition to her Vet Tech experience at Riverwoods, she has also been an Elephant Vet Tech for the circus. Heather enjoys spending time with her Boxer Kiste, Boston Terrier Max, and cats Lola and Wilson. Her most favorite place on earth is Capetown, South Africa. Heather has traveled many places and has a plethora of adventurous stories to tell!



### Heartworm Preventative

Heartworm is a parasite transmitted by mosquitoes. It can cause a variety of health problems in dogs, including death. We recommend keeping your pet on a complete deworming program year-round. This once a month chewable tablet prevents heartworm disease and deworms your pet for intestinal parasites that can be contagious to humans (zoonotic diseases), especially with small children.



### Pet Star of the Quarter: "Maggie" Ward

Maggie is the loveable pet of Shelley and Bill Ward. She is a 9 year-old Tibetan Terrier that warms our hearts. Maggie's talkative and outgoing personality has earned her a few nicknames. The Riverwoods Staff often calls her "Mag-pie" and "Greenie Monster" (for her voracious affection for Greenies dental treats). Maggie regularly inspires a smile.



### 🐾 Healthy Paws Plans for Dogs, Cats, and Exotic Animals! 🐾

We now offer Healthy Paws Plans to keep your pets healthy and happy. All of our plans include **unlimited Examinations** during regular office hours and **5% off** of additional services.

**\*Its easy to enroll your pet, just stop in and ask us how!\***



### Home Again Microchips

Having your pet microchipped can help you recover your pet if they are lost. Home Again ID chips are as easy to get as a simple shot. The chip carries a number and is linked to your information when you register. Most shelters scan pets for microchips and are required to contact the owner before putting the animal up for adoption.

**\* Riverwoods Pet Hospital offers microchips for just \$28.50.**

(An additional registration fee of \$17.50 is paid to Home Again) visit [www.homeagainid.com](http://www.homeagainid.com) for more information on pet recovery.



### Halloween Precautions

Please keep your black cats inside at least one week prior to Halloween! They tend to disappear during this time of the year. For their safety, please keep your pets indoor on Halloween night too!



### Holiday Treats

**Beware!** If your fuzzy friend eats some of those yummy Halloween treats, it can cause serious problems. Chocolatey and sugary candies can cause pancreatitis in pets. Some cases are severe enough to require hospitalization with IV fluids and antibiotic therapy.

Please remember during Thanksgiving and Christmas that your pet should not ingest any kind of bone, they can lead to intestinal blockages! Trust us, your pet will be thankful for treats without bones!

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