

# Funny Cats and Dogs

Recently here at the clinic we noticed urine all over the laboratory sink and counter. We went around asking everyone who spilled urine all over the lab and didn't clean it up - no one had done a urinalysis or worked with urine that morning. Eventually we narrowed it down to one staff member who would urinate on the counter like that - clinic cat Midnight! We took a sample of his urine and realized he had a urinary tract infection, the poor guy was trying to tell us any way he could that he had an infection. We're happy to say he was treated with antibiotics and doing well, but it goes to show that even our own cats will urinate where we least expect it when they aren't feeling well.

If you have a funny cat or dog story to share we'd love to hear it! You can send it to [info@suburbananimalclinic.com](mailto:info@suburbananimalclinic.com)

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## Is Your Cat Trying to Tell You Something?

Animals do a good job hiding their illnesses from us, which is why wellness exams are so important. Sometimes changes in behavior can tell us our cats are sick or need to see the vet sooner. Here are some signs your cat should see the vet:

- Hiding more
- Decreased activity
- Dropping food while eating
- A change in eating habits
- Vomiting
- Urinating where they aren't supposed to
- Urinating or drinking more
- Weight loss or gain
- Hair loss/scabbing/itching
- Limping
- Changes in behavior such as becoming more aggressive
- Anything that you are concerned about

If you see these changes in your cat, please make an appointment with our vets today. Sometimes these changes are sudden, but sometimes they can be subtle and occur slowly over time. When they occur slowly pet owners may not realize it until their cat is very sick.



## Top 10 Pet Toxins

The ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center received over 180,000 calls about different items pets had ingested last year. Here's their list of the top 10 toxins from 2016:

10. Garden Products - herbicides, fungicides and fertilizers.
9. Plants - the ASPCA has more information on plants at their web-site
8. Rodenticides (mouse and rat poisons)
7. Insecticides
6. Chocolate - The Animal Poison Control Center receives about 39 calls a day for chocolate!
5. Household items - paint, glue, cleaning supplies, etc.
4. Veterinary Products - Many medications we give you are made specifically for dogs and cats are meat flavored and are designed for animals to want to eat them. This can be bad when your pet eats the entire box of medication, be sure to keep it out of their reach.
3. Food - Onions, garlic, grapes, raisins, alcohol, xylitol, avocado, macadamia nuts, etc.
2. Over the counter products - Aspirin, Tylenol, Advil, Aleve, topical creams and lotions, mosquito repellent, cigarettes, etc.
1. Human Prescription Medications

If you become concerned your pet has ingested something toxic you can call the Poison Control Center at 888-426-4435.

More information is available at:

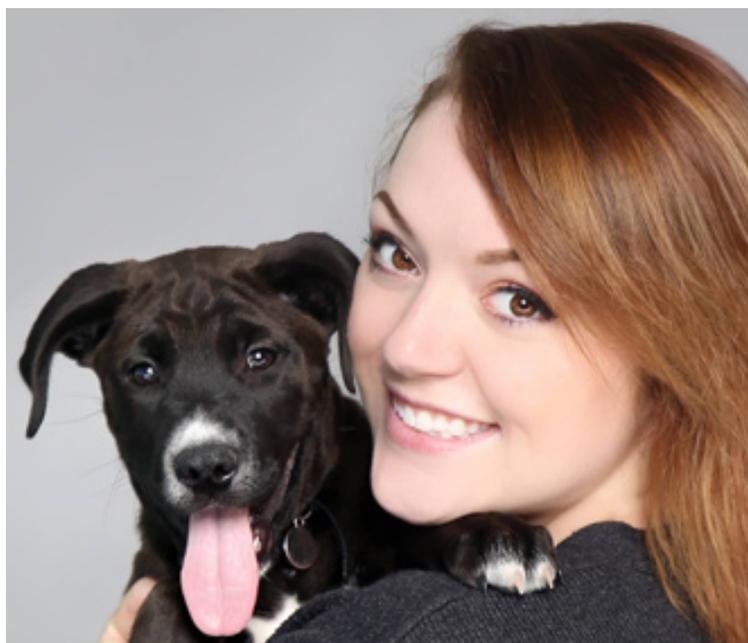
[www.asPCA.org/news/announcing-top-pet-toxins-2016](http://www.asPCA.org/news/announcing-top-pet-toxins-2016).



## News at Suburban Animal Clinic

**Cytopoint** injections are a new product we mentioned in our electronic newsletter. These injections will help with canine atopy and itchiness. The injection blocks the itch pathway in the body and lasts for about 4-8 weeks. If you have an itchy dog, it might be an option for them!

Welcome to **Laykin Brentlinger**, she is the newest registered technician to join our staff. Laykin enjoys going to the gym and weightlifting, she will be in a figure competition this fall. She also has a dog named Chief, and a cat, Kingsley.



## Senior Wellness Screening

During your pet's senior wellness exam we recommend certain wellness screenings yearly. We recently created a new package plan that gives a discount when tests are bundled. It gives us the best information to evaluate your pet's health.

The package deal includes:

- Bloodwork - Complete blood count, Profile and Thyroid level
- Urinalysis
- Eye pressure
- Blood pressure



## Vet Students at Suburban Animal Clinic

We have a long history of having the veterinary students at The Ohio State University work for us on the weekends and more often during the summer break. Dr. Jarden worked for Suburban Animal Clinic while she was a student. And Dr. Shardy was an intern for us while she was in vet school as well. The students get some great experience and we get to hear about what they are learning in class. Here's the students we have working for us now:

- Emily Spadaro is in the class of 2019. She's interested in behavior, shelter medicine and oncology. She enjoys playing with her dog Toby and hiking.

- Lauren Porter is in the class of 2019. She's interested in neurology, disease ecology, animal behavior and has a special place in her heart for feline medicine. This summer Lauren is doing research at Stanford University in neurology.

- Kirk Forte is in the class of 2019. He's interested in orthopedics and internal medicine. When he's not at work or school he likes to enjoy watching baseball, gardening and running.

- Anna Thyen is in the class of 2020. She's interested in many things in veterinary medicine and would love to work with horses or a mixed animal practice in the future. She has a horse named Luke and enjoys snowboarding, working out and walking Mackey, her dog when she's not studying.

You can check out more about them on our website under the "Our Staff" section. They'd be happy to share what it's like to go to vet school and answer any questions you may have.

## Alternative Therapies - The good and the bad

Sometimes people seek alternatives to the drugs and topical medications that may be needed for their pet. Not all over the counter medications are right for your dog or cat. Unfortunately just because it says "all natural" or "no additives" or something similar doesn't mean it's safe, effective or the right product for your pet. For example, you may have heard that garlic can get rid of fleas. Garlic will not kill fleas or get rid of flea eggs. And to make matters worse, garlic can cause destruction of red blood cells if given in high doses. So save the garlic for your pasta.

If you have concerns about any medication or therapy we prescribe please discuss that with us prior to trying over the counter treatments which may do more harm than good.

We have several therapy options that are alternative treatments. Dr. Maul does acupuncture and chiropractic therapy on animals. Acupuncture has been shown to help everything from chronic pain to digestive problems to anxiety. We also have laser therapy to help pain and speed healing. We carry a variety of nutraceuticals and non-drug treatments as well.

Please let us know about all medications, including herbal supplements or other topical medications you are giving your pet when they come in for their appointments. We want to help you optimize your pet's health and safety.