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Fun Pet Facts



- * A dog's smell is more than 100,000 times stronger than that of a human's
- * A greyhound can run as fast as 45 miles an hour.
- * Female cats tend to be right pawed, while male cats are more often left pawed. Interestingly, while 90% of humans are right handed, the remaining 10% of lefties also tend to be male
- * A cat can travel at a top speed of approximately 31 mph (49 km) over a short distance

* It has been established that people who own pets live longer, have less stress, and have fewer heart attacks.

* A cat can jump up to five times its own height in a single bound

* Seventy percent of people sign their pet's name on greeting cards and 58 percent include their pets in family and holiday portraits, according to a survey done by the American Animal Hospital Association

* Most cats give birth to a litter of between one and nine kittens. The largest known litter ever produced was 19 kittens, of which 15 survived

* The costliest cat ever is named Little Nicky, who cost his owner \$50,000. He is a clone of an older cat

* The little tufts of hair in a cat's ear that help keep out dirt direct sounds into the ear, and insulate the ears are called "ear furnishings"

* A dog's shoulder blades are unattached to the rest of the skeleton to allow greater flexibility for running



F.A.Q's



Q: Why is veterinary care so expensive?

A: The fees you pay for veterinary services take into consideration a number of factors, including the costs to compensate your veterinarian and veterinary team for their professional services and the expenses involved in maintaining the hospital and equipment. Thanks to advances in veterinary medicine, pets are living longer, which means you may be spending more over the lifetime of your pet. However, in general, the annual cost of caring for a pet hasn't increased much over the past several decades. If you want to save money on your pet's care, there are several pet insurance plans available. These plans may cover or help keep costs down for many routine veterinary services, prescriptions, medical conditions, and diseases.

Q: Why does my pet need to have an exam in

order to get medication?

A: All practicing veterinarians must adhere to the Manitoba Veterinary Medical Association by-laws. The by-law set out for dispensing medication indicates that the prescribing veterinarian must have examined your pet in the last 12 months. Deviating from this by-law could cause the veterinarian to lose their license to practice.

Q: My dog is aggressive, I think he has distemper.

A: Distemper has nothing to do with the temperament of dogs. Distemper is a highly contagious viral disease of domestic dogs and other animals such as ferrets, skunks and raccoons. It is an incurable, often fatal, multi-systemic disease that affects the respiratory, gastrointestinal, and central nervous systems. Canine distemper

is seen worldwide but because of the widespread use of successful vaccines, it is much less common than it was in the 1970's.

Q: Why does my pet need monthly deworming?

A: Many pet owners believe that their dogs and cats only need to be dewormed when they are puppies and kittens. The fact is our pets are at risk of contracting roundworm year round, and if our pets are at risk so are we. In 2008 there were 17,000 human roundworm infections reported in Canada. Because of this, it is the current recommendation of the Companion Animal Parasite Council and Health Canada that our pets receive monthly deworming.

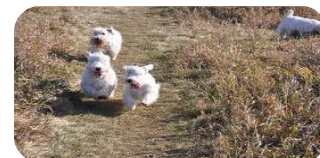


Dog parks are a hot spot for parasites and other illnesses. If you frequent dog parks with your dog please ensure they are protected by keeping their vaccinations and deworming current!

"Fields for Fido" Off Leash dog area locations

- 1.) Little Mountain
- 2.) Woodsworth Park
- 3.) Mazonod Park/Retention Pond
- 4.) Kil-Cona Park
- 5.) Bourkevale Park
- 6.) Kings Park
- 7.) Westview Park

- 8.) Maple Grove Park
- 9.) Sturgeon Road & Silver Ave.
- 10.) Charleswood Park
- 11.) Stephen Juba Park
- 12.) Buffer Strip (Transcona)
- 13.) Hurst Way



For maps and directions please visit <http://winnipeg.ca/publicworks/parksandfields/parks/fieldsforfido.asp>

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City of Winnipeg By-Laws



Did you know....

* All dogs over the age of 6 months require a dog license, there is a \$250 fine if your dog is found to be unlicensed.

* All dogs and cats must be current with their rabies vaccination.

* You must keep your dog on a leash no longer than 6 feet while off your property. Unless they are in a designated off leash park. Please see the bottom of this page for a list of designated dog parks in Winnipeg.

* Each household is limited to 3 dogs and 3 cats over the age of 6 months

* All cats over the age of 6 months must be spayed or neutered

* Cats must be kept indoors at all times unless they are on a leash and supervised

* Should your dog go missing please contact Animal Services at 1057 Logan Avenue. They may also be reached by calling 311